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Rachel Wohrlin

From the Editor

"I don't know what your destiny will be, but one thing I know: The only ones among you who will be really happy are those who will have sought and found how to serve."

— Albert Schweitzer

Does Wartburg, as a college of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, attract students who want to serve or is the desire to serve fostered here? I say it is probably both.

Before coming to Wartburg in 1989, my proudest moment was receiving my high school psychology class' Albert Schweitzer Award. I knew I had a heart for service, but I didn't realize that, at 17, others noticed and voted for me. My mom put the certificate on the refrigerator, just as she had many other of my school projects and art works. Three months later, I began my freshman year at Wartburg.

Service learning is a top priority at Wartburg College. The examples are too numerous to name here, but this edition features opportunities undertaken by students and alumni from international service trips to living a life of everyday service.

The lead story features a trip to Guyana taken by Wartburg's current student body president, Abhay Nadipuram '10 of Waterloo, and Rachel Coleman '10 of suburban Minneapolis. With a \$10,000 Davis Projects for Peace grant, they helped fight malaria by providing impoverished rural Amerindians with the means to sew more mosquito nets.

On page 4, President Darrel Colson is shown accepting the Washington Center's Higher Education Civic Engagement Award on behalf of the college. Wartburg was one of only five colleges to receive the inaugural award.

According to Wartburg's Center for Community Engagement, Wartburg College ranks in the top three of 126 Break Away chapters nationwide doing service work on breaks. Twelve percent of students participate in a service trip each year. On pages 6-7, read about some trips students took last year.

Alumni, globally and locally, are serving marginalized and poverty-stricken people. Read about Cora Turner '78 helping high school students in nearby Waterloo, or Ann Austin '76 assisting with educational opportunities for children in Guatemala.

An extroverted alumnus and friend, Dan Digmann '95, and his wife, Jennifer, together serve as an inspiration. Read how they are serving others simply by telling their touching story of love, teamwork and everyday life with multiple sclerosis.

Since 1989 I have had many proud moments, but somehow that silly Albert Schweitzer award sticks with me. Perhaps it serves as a personal reminder to continue serving those around me. I'm not sure if my mother remembers that certificate on the refrigerator, but I know she remembers how Wartburg cultivated my heart of service beyond just four years.

In 1999 at the ELCA Churchwide Assembly in Denver, Colo., my mom, executive director of Lutheran Advocacy Ministry - New Mexico from 1998 to the present, came with me to the Wartburg College Alumni get-together. Friends and former students of the college spilled out of the small meeting room, and we ended by singing the *Loyalty Song*.

"I'm so glad you went to Wartburg," she said.

That's a big compliment coming from her, the best woman I know who shines as a great servant of all God's people.

Rachel Wohrlin

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rachel".

"As far as service goes, it can take the form of a million things. To do service, you don't have to be a doctor working in the slums for free or become a social worker. Your position in life and what you do doesn't matter as much as how you do what you do."

-- Elizabeth Kubler Ross

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Net gain for children in Guyana

Wartburg recipients of a Davis Projects for Peace grant provide bed nets to fight a malaria epidemic



In Surama, a little girl peers out from a shop where villagers sell crafts — including mosquito nets and hammocks — and purchase essentials. Her younger sister (left) is alongside her.



Abhay Nadipuram and Rachel Coleman instructed villagers about making the bed netting to ward off mosquitoes.

by Saul Shapiro

In early July, Wartburg College students Abhay Nadipuram '10 and Rachel Coleman '10 set out from Georgetown, the capital of Guyana in northern South America, with 3,000 square yards of netting, two sewing machines and two generators atop a Toyota Forerunner.

Their destination was the backcountry where malaria annually kills more than 3,000 children, the highest toll in the Western Hemisphere. Nadipuram and Coleman had procured a \$10,000 Davis Projects for Peace grant to teach villagers how to sew bed nets to protect their families from the mosquito-borne plague as they slept.

"Bed or hammock nets are vital to prevention and are the simplest tool in prevention," Nadipuram said.

Dr. Roy Ventullo, the Burk-Will Chair in Biology and Wartburg director of undergraduate research, accompanied the students. He has taken an estimated 130 others to the North Rupununi district during May Term trips the past 15 years. Ventullo has worked closely with the Bina Hill Institute, which promotes development, primarily ecotourism, in the area, cultivating a rapport among the 890 people in 14 villages.

The 12-hour trek took them along a highway reputed to be one of the world's worst, disembarking to make sure water-covered bridges were passable. Once there, accommodations included sleeping in hammocks in open-air schoolhouses.

Coleman, a biology major from Chanhassen, Minn., who is completing her pharmaceutical studies at Midwestern University in suburban Chicago, had been with the Ventullo entourage a year earlier.

"The Amerindians are some of the nicest people you will ever meet, and what they do for the Wartburg students when we go down there made me really want to do something in return," she said.

Nadipuram, a political science major who intends to pursue a law degree, is the son of two physicians and the brother of another. He had an interest in the "peace" aspect of their mission.

"First of all, it's economic," he said. "If a farmer gets malaria he may be out of harvesting or doing work in the fields for days or weeks. Students can't go to school and teachers can't teach."

A malaria outbreak during a soccer tournament in the village of Surama put another impact into focus.

"You see the social impact about how the disease can start the blame game that it's one village's fault. It causes tension," he said. "It's something to fight about, and all these villages need all the cooperation they can get."

A medic in the region, Sampson Bartholomew, set up town hall meetings

and served as their interpreter. Their efforts quickly bore fruit.

"The biggest highlight for me," Coleman said, "was when we went back to the village of Wowetta and actually saw the women's sewing group cutting and sewing the mosquito nets. Another pleasant surprise was when we spent our last night in Surama and on a walk stumbled on another group of women working on nets."

"In both villages," she added, "it was very rewarding to see that the netting was used as a teaching tool because it allowed the elders of the village to teach the younger women how to sew the nets."

Nadipuram believes their mission will pay economic dividends. The nets, which normally cost between \$15 to \$30 to purchase, are being sold — thanks to the donated materials and equipment — for \$4. Villagers save money and have another source of income.

Guyana is not far from their thoughts these days. They hope to raise \$40,000 by the end of the academic year to provide more netting and build on the Wartburg connection.

"When Dr. Ventullo takes students down there, these people automatically make Wartburg students part of their community," Nadipuram said. "There is no hesitation. There's no initiation process. They are automatic members of the villages, wherever

they are. They take them into the forest, and they teach them so much about the culture. They take them on hikes and help them with their research.

"To be able to give back means a lot to Rachel and me; to emphasize that we're dealing with villages that are dealing with a deadly disease."



Mosquito netting hangs above the beds.



Wartburg recognized for exemplary public service programs

The Davis Projects for Peace grants are made possible by philanthropist Kathryn Wasserman Davis, who celebrated her 100th birthday in February 2007 by committing \$1 million for 100 Projects for Peace to spark initiatives for building prospects for peace in the world.

Rachel Coleman in the mountainous region outside of Surama (above).

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Wartburg President Darrel Colson receives the 2009 Higher Education Civic Engagement Award from Jane Margaret O'Brien, former president of St. Mary's College of Maryland and Distinguished Fellow of the Washington Center.

The Washington Center for Internships and Academic Seminars selected Wartburg College as one of five recipients of a Higher Education Civic Engagement Award.

Wartburg was selected for its development of the Center for Community Engagement, an initiative designed to integrate every aspect of student life with the ideals of leadership, service and civic engagement.

"Wartburg has made an incredible impact on the way its students regard the importance of service to their community, whether it is the local community or the global community at large," said Mike Smith, president of The Washington Center. "The emphasis they place on service learning embodies The Washington Center's philosophy that great internship opportunities can jumpstart a successful and fulfilling career in public service and other fields."

Wartburg encourages students to "live their learning" outside of the classroom through involvement in their communities. Becoming civically engaged is essential to each Wartburg student's educational experience.

The Center for Community Engagement ties together an evaluation of students' external relationships with community partners with development of their educational experience, career aspirations and public scholarship. The

college's mission, "challenging students for lives of leadership and service," is evident in this endeavor.

"Wartburg College has a long history of engaged learning that values the intersection of the classroom with the needs of the community at-large," said President Darrel D. Colson. "To expand on this mission, in 2005 the college developed the Center for Community Engagement — a visible and vibrant center that would actively partner students and faculty in schools, at internships, with nonprofits and various levels of government.

"It is an honor to receive the Higher Education Civic Engagement Award from the Washington Center, which affirms the college's goal of preparing the 'whole' student for active lives in their communities."

The five winners of the Higher Education Civic Engagement Awards were chosen as representing some of the very best efforts to transform civic learning. The other honorees are Cabrini College, Elon University, Tennessee State University and Villanova University.

The awards were presented during The Washington Center's annual Academic Affairs Awards Luncheon at the National Press Club in October. The awards honor many of The Washington Center's academic partners, sponsors, agencies, faculty and other supporters that assist in providing strong academic programs for students.

Wartburg tops Iowa colleges in

by Emily Schmitt '11

A "Welcome Wartburg Volunteers" banner greeted 22 Wartburg students when their service trip arrived at the United Cerebral Palsy of Northwest Florida facility in Pensacola, Fla., last year during Winter Break.

The students volunteered at a charter school for disabled children, a day care for children in the beginning stages of a disability and a group home for people with cerebral palsy.

"We talked to a lot of people with cerebral palsy. They were so appreciative of the work we were doing," said Abbie Smith '10, the trip co-leader.

Indeed, after the group returned to Wartburg, they received a finger-painted banner from the people they assisted thanking them.

Wartburg service trips are entirely planned and led by students, with faculty, staff and alumni serving as advisers. All told, 12 percent of Wartburg students took service trips during 2008-09, the highest percentage of any college program in Iowa.

In Monessen, Pa., a former steel town near Pittsburgh with a high poverty level, Sarah Dentlinger '09 led eight students who worked with the nonprofit agency GreaterWorks

renovating apartments and assisting children and community members.

"Our students have a huge commitment to service and making a difference in the world," the Rev. Ramona Bouzard, the adviser on the trip, told the *Pittsburgh Tribune-Review*.

"It seems like a place that does need a lot of work, and we're happy to be here to help," said Colleen Zack '10.

“Our students have a huge commitment to service.”

— Rev. Ramona Bouzard

"Every town has things it struggles with," said Kelsey Wilson '11. "It's great that GreaterWorks and other organizations have been here trying to put Monessen on its feet. There's so much potential. These are great people, and eventually it will start to turn around."

Wartburg students helped make a difference throughout the country:

- Students worked with inpatient children and their families at Arkansas Children's Hospital in Little Rock, Ark. In Happy, Texas, students assisted at the Ceta Canyon Camp for persons with disabilities.

- Students helped Lutheran Disaster Response with post-Katrina rebuilding efforts in New Orleans, doing painting, roofing, drywall and general construction. In hurricane-ravaged Galveston, Texas, students worked on cleanup and rebuilding.

- At Mendocino Land Trust in Northern California, they improved the health of the redwoods, while in Moab, Utah, students restored the native habitats of the Colorado Plateau.

- On a Circle Tour of Music through the Midwest, students connected music, faith and service in poverty-stricken areas.

- Students worked in Detroit, Cincinnati and East St. Louis, Ill., on poverty-related issues.

- In Kincaid, W.Va., students worked with Appalachian Community Partners to help construct new homes.



Members of Wartburg's Student Alumni Council pose in front of the sign that greeted them upon arriving in Pensacola, Fla., for a week of service with the regional cerebral palsy service provider.

service

At namesake Wartburg, Tenn., in the Appalachian Mountains during Tour Week in April, 16 students used hand forestry tools to build and clear 1.8 miles of the Cumberland Trail.

"When they said Wartburg College, I said 'what a cool idea,'" Tony Hook, director of the Cumberland Trail Conference, told the local Morgan County News.

Trip leaders Shelby Colwell '09 and Erika Nelson '10 wanted to lead an "environmentally friendly" project.

Nelson hopes to return. "I'm interested to come back here and see the trail in its finished entirety ... knowing that we did something that is going to stay here for years to come."

"It's a great learning opportunity," said Renee Sedlacek, Wartburg's service-learning coordinator. "It's not until you can get out of your everyday surroundings and into a new setting that you really learn from the people you're around and the people you're with."

"Our students are going out, learning about specific issues, and then coming back and hopefully working to address them," she added. "Their lives are changed because of this experience."

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Seniors Cara Rada and Eric Dreibelbeis perform hands-on service work in Moab, Utah. The two were part of a group that worked to restore area native habitats.



Sarah Dentlinger '09 (left), leader of a service trip to Monessen, Pa., shows off clothing her group donated to Schooner Youth Center. Also pictured are, from left, Kelsey Wilson '10, the Rev. Ramona Bouzard (adviser) and Michael Stevenson '12.

Turner dedicates life to student success

by Emily Schmitt '11

One Wartburg College graduate has created a career out of helping students who have been unsuccessful in school.

Cora Turner '78 is the executive director of student and at-risk services for Waterloo Community Schools. She helps students work through problems so they can get an education.

"What I do is go back and forth between the building and parent and try to meet the best interests of the students," Turner said. "I try to make sure students have the opportunities to be educated."

After receiving a degree in social work from Wartburg, Turner had various jobs before joining Waterloo Community Schools in 1994.

She initially worked with the school's educational discipline center, a program for students who were not being successful in the traditional high school program.

Her work with students fueled her love for education, and she obtained a teaching degree and a master's degree in secondary administration.

Turner said her job challenges her to be understanding of everyone's unique circumstances, something she learned at Wartburg.

"Wartburg has a large enrollment of minority students, and you get to meet people from all walks of life," she said. "And now, you never know who I'm going to meet and what situation I'll be in."

Turner's dedication to students' success had an impact on many students in the past 15 years.

"There's a lot of students I see out in the community now," she said. "They have families now, but they still have that relationship with me that when they see me they know they can say 'hi.'"

Turner connects with students on a personal level and remembers many of their stories. She recalled one young man



Cora Turner '78 motivates struggling students at Waterloo Community Schools to get an education. She works with the school, parents and students to make sure the needs of students are met.

who struggled in school and ended up in prison. She is proud he is now enrolled at the University of Northern Iowa.

After seeing the needs of students she's worked with, Turner helped form the Waterloo Education and Behavioral Center. There are approximately 70 students enrolled in the program, which helps students who struggle in the traditional school setting.

Her dedication to helping students often means she works late. The families she works with often feel comfortable calling her at home, which she said has influenced the life of her son, Corey.

“I try to make sure students have the opportunities to be educated.**”**

—Cora Turner '78

Corey, a first-year student at Wartburg, hopes he can make a difference in the lives of others just as his mother has. She believes he will become a counselor or teacher.

Turner said her job requires hard work and commitment to the students. She cites the need to have a "listening ear for students and the community" as an important requirement of her job.

Turner is thankful for the impact she is able to make on students' lives and has no intention of switching careers anytime soon.

"Right now, I just want to stay connected to the students," she said.

Teacher leaves private school for work in Guatemala

by Emily Schmitt '11

Ann Austin '76 has used her passion for education to ensure impoverished children in Guatemala have access to schools.

After teaching art at an upscale, private school in Washington for six years, Austin wanted a change of pace.

"I decided I would like to work with children and families at the other end of the spectrum," she said.

Her husband, Gary Teale, was a principal at the time and agreed that they needed something different in their lives.

The two wanted to contribute to the global community in some way, and decided to move to Central America because of Gary's ability to speak Spanish.

While discussing job possibilities in Central America, Austin recalled a friend from Wartburg.

"I remembered he had gone with his wife to Central America, and I wondered if they were still there," she said.

She contacted her friend, and his wife offered them jobs with "Safe Passage," a project that worked with families and children who live and work adjacent to Guatemala City's garbage dump.

They enjoyed their work and felt they were making a difference.

"We wanted to stay," Austin said. "We had really gotten to love Guatemala."

After a year coordinating "Safe Passage" volunteers, they met a teacher who had experience working in rural schools. They joined him and created Avivara, a nonprofit organization that supports rural schools, teachers and students.

"As educators, we have a passion to pursue this particular development in Guatemala," she said.

Avivara gives grants to poverty-impacted schools, which provide them with teaching materials, facilities, equipment and training for teachers.

The organization also distributes scholarships to low-income, motivated students whose families lack the resources to support their education.

"A young woman, the first in her village to complete junior high, was interested in high school, but she couldn't afford it," Austin said. "With help from our organization, she's now going to high school."

Avivara has expanded to include after-school programs, something Austin said is necessary because parents, who usually cannot read or write, are not able to help their children with homework and often lack the supplies to complete homework.

Austin has enjoyed seeing one family, in particular, become very involved in their children's education. The father, who is illiterate, was proud his children were able to write their names on the sign-up list for the after-school program.

"People like that inspire me. They want so badly to have an education, and we're able to help them," she said.

"We find teachers who are doing their absolute best to educate their students, and they have nothing to teach with. And after having a big budget to buy art supplies with [in Washington], to come here and see what people are trying to do with absolutely nothing is truly amazing."

July 2010 will mark Austin's third year in Guatemala. For more information about her organization, visit www.avivara.org.



Left: Ann Austin surrounded by Avivara students.

Right: Working directly with Guatemalan children allows Austin to live out her passion for life.



Urban Servant Corps volunteers bond during a yearly retreat in Granby, Colo.

Alumna leads Urban Servant Corps in Denver

by Emily Schmitt '11

An alumna has turned her passion for helping others into a career of service. She spends her days guiding young adults who have chosen to volunteer full-time.

In September, Krista Ullestad '03 began her duties as executive director of Urban Servant Corps, an organization based in Denver that supports full-time volunteers.

"The more I thought about it, the more I read through the job description, the more I knew this job was for me," Ullestad said. "It all just fully aligned and fell into place."

Urban Servant Corps hosts approximately 20 full-time volunteers each year, providing them with the opportunity to serve local nonprofit agencies. The agencies provide food, housing and health insurance for the volunteers and, in



Krista Ullestad '03 (left) during her installation as director of the Urban Servant Corps in Denver, Colo., in September 2009. The Rev. Nadia Bolz-Weber (right) officiated.

return, volunteers spend one year serving through the agency they are paired with.

Ullestad, who is from Cedar Falls, operates Urban Servant Corps with the help of one part-time worker. She connects with agency supervisors, places volunteers, fundraises for the organization and oversees upkeep of volunteer housing. She is supervising three volunteers who are Wartburg alums: John Kuckelman '09, Emily Stetzel '09 and Kim Chaffin '09.

Ullestad has always felt a need to serve her community, something she learned early on from her parents, Steve '75 (bishop of the Northeastern Iowa Synod) and Ruth Schuldert '75 Ullustad. She and her siblings, Erik '01 and Kara '06, learned the importance of service at home and during their Wartburg careers.

"Clearly, the mission of Wartburg is about encompassing service and learning together," she said. "That certainly was a huge part of how I was trained to be a servant in the world. A lot of my class experiences and travel experiences helped me."

While pursuing a major in elementary education at Wartburg, Ullestad took advantage of several service opportunities. She was a part of the college's first international service trip, which traveled to Mexico.

Ullestad spent every May Term traveling the country and world. She said her travel experiences made her aware of the tremendous needs of others.

"Service is a response of experiencing God's graciousness, to live in a community and serve one another in a loving way," Ullestad said. "There is a huge need in the world, and I know that every little step counts."

She also took advantage of Wartburg West in Denver, Colo., where she student taught during Fall Term of her senior year. She enjoyed living in Denver and developed a relationship with Nelson and Bonita Bock, co-directors of Wartburg West. That relationship encouraged her to consider volunteering full-time after graduation.

"Nelson and Bonita Bock were the founders of the Urban Servant Corps. They were intentional about connecting Wartburg West students with Urban Servant Corps to build a relationship and familiarize students with the program," Ullestad said.

After completing her student teaching, she returned to Waverly to finish her Wartburg career. After commencement, she returned to Colorado to volunteer with Urban Servant Corps.

“Clearly, the mission of Wartburg is about encompassing service and learning together.”

— Krista Ullestad '03

While most volunteers are placed with one agency for their entire year of service, Ullestad had the unique opportunity to work with two organizations. She assisted Girls Incorporated with afterschool programming for the first portion of the year. Later, she volunteered with Denver Urban Ministry.

She said the daily encounter with homelessness in the city was an eye-opener for her. She also was excited

to develop friendships with people who shared her zeal for service.

"I was living with other volunteers who were doing the same kind of work," she said. "We supported one another, laughed together and got on each others' nerves."

After completing her year with Urban Servant Corps, Ullestad spent the next few years as an elementary school teacher in Denver. While teaching, she completed her master's degree in education at Regis University in Denver. Her program was self-designed, so she was able to take several courses on nonprofit organizations and leadership, which reaffirmed her enthusiasm for those areas.

She enjoyed working with children, but her love for travel prompted her to consider taking a break from teaching to travel abroad for a while.

"I loved teaching, but felt the need to stir up the pot a little bit and do something different," she said.

While she was contemplating her move overseas, she received word that Urban Servant Corps was looking for a new director. She realized the position was the perfect combination of her interests and decided to stay in Denver and take the job.

Ullestad does not regret taking the position, which has been a wonderful opportunity to do what she loves for a living. She is enthusiastic about the experiences she will encounter at Urban Servant Corps.

"I have a lot of momentum and energy built up and challenges have not slowed me down yet," she said.



Habitat service invigorates McDonough

An innovative alliance between Thrivent Financial for Lutherans and Habitat for Humanity International took Joanne McDonough '70 to El Salvador to help build a model community.

Thrivent committed up to \$1.3 million to Habitat for Humanity El Salvador to build as many as 75 homes in Santa Ana, El Salvador. The "holistic neighborhood" provides families with land, housing, basic services and social infrastructure, including green areas and a community center.

McDonough, who lives in San Jose, Calif., qualified by demonstrating outstanding business results and a strong interest in volunteering with Thrivent Financial while serving on the executive board of directors with Habitat for Humanity Silicon Valley.

She joined 27 other Thrivent Financial representatives in El Salvador in November 2008 to help provide financial security with a new twist.

The U.S. volunteers cleared a large jungle-like field of brush and trees with machetes and pick axes, making it ready for the family homes. Others assisted local construction masons in building the community center by leveling dirt, digging trenches and laying block walls.

"Volunteering in El Salvador really grabbed my heart," said McDonough. "One-third of the population of El Salvador lives in substandard housing, and by our American standards, the Salvadorans have very little. In spite of that, the people we met were so generous and so excited to live in their own home."



The team worked alongside volunteers from local Lutheran and Presbyterian churches as well as families who will live in the new community.

The nine-day experience invigorated McDonough, who encourages others to get involved in similar service work to build decent, affordable housing.

"Going on an international volunteer trip definitely affects your passion for helping others," said McDonough. "The experience will change the lives of those you serve, and it will change you, too."

Interest in social justice leads Williams to Washington

As Sydni Williams '09 searched for jobs last spring, she was drawn to those that would give her experience working with social justice issues.

She interviewed and accepted a position with Lutheran Servant Corps as the community outreach coordinator for N Street Village, which offers housing and support for homeless and low-income women in Washington, D.C.

"I eventually want to go to law school and then work in policy, but before doing so I believe I needed some direct service

to truly understand the issues I was dealing with," Williams said.

"You can only learn so much through books and study, but when you fully immerse yourself in the problems you have a deeper and more personal understanding."

Williams, from Storm Lake, manages in-kind donations and works with volunteer groups. She updates N Street Village's online wish list and coordinates the four donation drives that occur during fall and winter each year.



AmeriCorps offers postgraduate opportunities

by Emily Schmitt '11

After graduating from Wartburg in 2008, Emily Fairchild spent a year serving with the AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps (NCCC), a residential service program for people ages 18-24.

From October 2008 to July 2009, Fairchild worked with a team of nine others to complete four service projects.

"I chose to go to NCCC after graduating because I wanted an adventure in service. NCCC gave me the opportunity to travel, serve and learn more about myself and others," said Fairchild, who is from Des Moines.

Her favorite project was the 2009 Special Olympics World Winter Games in Boise, Idaho. She was the manager of athlete entertainment, putting to work things she learned at Wartburg.

"I used some of my skills as president of ETK [Entertainment ToKnight] and Orange EXCELeration staff to plan and coordinate the operation of three Special Olympic towns and the entertainment portion of seven athlete lounges," Fairchild said.

Her team did environmental work, including weed removal and the installation of more than 5,800 feet of irrigation line in Fresno, Calif. They installed energy-efficient light bulbs in New Orleans homes free of charge. The team developed programming for overnight and day camps for youth, ages 6-15, in Louisiana, where it served as the camp's counselors.



Emily Fairchild parlayed service skills honed at Wartburg into a position with the AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps.

Fairchild is currently serving as an AmeriCorps VISTA (Volunteers in Service in America) with the Iowa Campus Compact, a yearlong commitment. She is helping Cornell College's Civic Engagement Office provide opportunities for students to learn through service and civic engagement.

"I chose to do the VISTA program because, after four years of leadership and service, faith and learning at Wartburg College, as well as a term in NCCC, I wanted to do more with service and college students," she said.

Since beginning her work at N Street Village, Williams has worked firsthand with poverty and homelessness, experience she values since she wants to work in public policy in the future.

She also credits the position for teaching her how nonprofits operate and why development is so important to them. She's gained experience organizing large fundraisers, learned to write grants and communicate with major gift donors.

Although the professional skills she is gaining are important, Williams most values what she's learned about herself and the role she can play in the world.

"Taking part in Lutheran Volunteer Corps was a perfect step for me after Wartburg," she said. "Wartburg was a wonderful time in my life, and the experiences I had there helped prepare me for the challenges and excitement of this new city and position."

Williams is enjoying working in Washington, D.C., where she can walk two blocks and see the White House every day.

In addition to her job, she said the diverse neighborhood she lives in has helped her appreciate the opportunities she's had in life.

"Lutheran Volunteer Corps has provided a wonderful step in my development as a person by giving me intense learning opportunities and real world experience in social justice that will stay with me forever," she said.

Athletes score points in service to others



by Mark Adkins '90

Three years ago, Ashley Rogers '12 didn't know where her career path would lead.

However, the birth of her brother, Joel, changed all that.

"He was born with cerebral palsy," the sophomore and softball student-athlete said. "(That event) made such an impact on my life."

"I just wanted to and still want to help him get better in each stage of life," she added. "That's why I knew, from that point, I wanted to be in the medical field and help people."

Taking heed of Wartburg's focus on service, the Altoona native didn't waste time in her goal. She serves as a volunteer at a hospital in Des Moines when she is at home and also has shifts as an intern for the emergency room at the Waverly hospital.

"They are great opportunities for me," she said. "It directly affects the work in my major, and it's giving me a fast forward towards being involved in the medical field."

"It is so rewarding," she added. "I guess I never knew how much so. Before Joel's birth, I was just living my life. I would help out with things from time to time, but never on a scale like this. It's a good feeling to be able to make a difference with the knowledge you have."

Rogers story is one of many from Wartburg student-athletes who are involved in service. Some examples are:

- The Knights football team breaks from its weekly schedule each Thursday to read with the children from the Bremwood Lutheran School in Waverly.
- Members of the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee, a group that meets annually to discuss important topics on campus, are involved with a variety of projects. They include Habitat for Humanity work at the old Air Force base south of town, a yearly Christmas tree and donation of gifts to needy families in the Cedar Valley and the Day 'n' Knights sports clinic.
- Rogers' softball teammates assist families in the Cedar Valley with child-care options over the busy holiday season and beyond with their "Kids Knight Out" program.
- Current track student-athlete Hannah Baker '10 of Keota and the entire athletic department staff were among many who stepped up to help families in Waverly recover from the record flooding in the summer of 2008.



Members of the 2009-10 Knights wrestling team were among many student-athletes who participated in the Walk for Wishes program at the Wartburg-Waverly Sports & Wellness Center in September.



Mitch Eslick '10 of Fort Dodge and Ross Timmermans '10 of Vinton assist young campers during the basketball clinic section of the Kids Day 'n' Knights camp.



A young camper enjoys interaction with Brandon Busbee '11 of Hiawatha during the soccer portion of the Kids Day 'n' Knights camp.



Ben Knutson '10 of St. Charles goes through a football clinic drill as part of the Kids Day 'n' Knights camp.

Alums step to plate in Iowa amateur baseball league

by Mark Adkins '90

Summer Sunday afternoons in Cedar Rapids, Norway and Watkins are a long way from Yankee Stadium, Target Field or Kauffman Stadium.

However, Matt Thede '01 and Casey Pauli '06 don't mind. It's still baseball.

Two of Wartburg's former standouts get their gloves out, clean up their spikes, pull the bats out of the storage closet and play organized ball each summer. They are members of teams in the amateur Iowa Valley Baseball League.

Thede, who handled catching duties for head coach Joel Holst's program for four years, is doing the same thing for the Watkins Mud Hens as he approaches his mid 30s. His success in the IVBL this past summer was remarkable considering the wear and tear a body can take behind the plate.

The Cedar Rapids Prairie high school science teacher was named the Most Valuable Player at the state amateur baseball championship after the Mud Hens won it in 2009. It's a view that Thede and his teammates are used to, considering they've won the state title in three of the last five years. He did indicate his years in the league may be getting numbered, though.

"I'm still enjoying it," he said. "The knees are something you always worry about, especially when you get older. The other guys on our team kind of consider me as the 'old guy' of the group, but I still am able to be valuable for them."

"Due to a new child on the way and new coaching duties this year, I may have to call

a halt to it, at least for the summer of 2010," he added. "I love it, the guys are great, but priorities change over time."

Pauli, who plays for the Red Top team of the IVBL, has a leg up on his fellow Wartburg alum. He stays close to baseball year round as an assistant coach at Kirkwood Community College.

"I enjoy playing in this league," he said. "I really missed it after college ended. The IVBL was an option, so I jumped at the chance. It helps me stay close to something I've always enjoyed."

"It's also fun on a camaraderie side," he added. "There are so many guys from the Iowa Conference I played against and a couple of other Wartburg alums besides Matt (Drew Newhoff '08 and Ryan Martin '08 – members of the Alburnett team) who play, too. It's nice interacting with them."

Casey has an added bonus of being able to play for his father-in-law, Fritz Kinzenbaw, who is the manager of Red Top. "Fritz has been around this a long time," he said. "He's very knowledgeable and is serious about our team's success. He keeps us on our toes."



Former shortstop standout Casey Pauli '05 fires a throw to first in action at the Kirkwood Community College field this past summer.



Former All-American catcher Matt Thede '01 pulls in a pitch during Iowa Valley Baseball League action this past summer.



Sophomore wide receiver Levi Helbling '12 of Malvern gets hoisted high in the air after adding six points to Wartburg's total in the Family Weekend game against Buena Vista.



Members of the women's soccer squad celebrate a double-overtime victory over UW-Eau Claire, Oct. 11. The match pitted then No. 1 and No. 4 ranked teams in the National Soccer Coaches Association of America's Division III North Region poll as of Oct. 5.



Wartburg's women's golf program won its fifth Iowa Conference title in six years during the last weekend of September and first weekend of October. The title earned head coach Monica Severson's team an automatic bid to the NCAA Division III Championships this May in Florida.

KNIGHTS IN THE NEWS

1952

Prof. HERBERT HILDEBRANDT, Ann Arbor, Mich., is in his 30th year of Asian research and recently co-authored and published with two Chinese scholars the article, *Enterprise Networking Web Sites and Organizational Communication in Australia*.



1954

VERJEAN HEMINGSON WALTHER and the Rev. GENE WALTHER, Waverly, Iowa, celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary and 35th year at St. John's United Church of Christ (Siegel) and Gene's 50th ordination anniversary on July 19.

1965

HOECOMING REUNION OCT. 21-24

BEVERLY SAUER BAER, Ankeny, Iowa, works part-time in respite care at ChildServe, Johnston.

The Rev. DEAN BAER, Ankeny, Iowa, retired after 30 years of ministry at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church on his 40th anniversary of ordination, June 14.

1967

WILLIAM RAASCH, Greenfield, Iowa, retired from John Deere Credit on June 30. He continues to be engaged in small farming with his son.

JOHN SCHMELTZER, Norman, Okla., was named Engleman/Livermore professor at the University of Oklahoma.

1968

The Rev. RICHARD HERTENSTEIN and Debra Hartmann, Anna, Ill., were married May 9. Richard retired as pastor from Mount Moriah Lutheran Church.

1969

Dr. DEAN KRUCKEBERG, Charlotte, N.C., co-authored, *This is PR: The Realities of Public Relations, a Textbook with Worldwide Sales in Multiple Languages*. He also co-authored a book with Wartburg alumnus, Dr. Kenneth Starck '56, *Public Relations and Community: A Reconstructed Theory*. Dean is the director of the Center for Global Public Relations and a professor in the Department of Communication Studies at the University of North Carolina.

1970

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CYNTHIA LARSON BEHRENS, Bemidji, Minn., retired after 34 years teaching, 29 years of which was in special education.

1971

JIM BRANDAU, Waverly, Iowa, retired after 36 years of serving as a lay magistrate with the Bremer County Courts.

WILLIAM SEIFERT, Cadiz, Ky., retired from educational administration.

1972

BARBARA STUMBERG SEIFERT, Cadiz, Ky., retired from teaching.

GORDON SOENKSEN, Greensboro, N.C., was appointed associate dean of advancement for the schools of business at Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem.



Celebrating half a century

Wartburg College friendships last well past the days of ringing the bell for Outfly. Recently, a group of friends met in Des Moines to play golf and celebrate their 50th birthdays.

First row from left: Phil Porter '81 and Jeff Overson '81.

Second row from left to right: John O'Brien '81, Mark Wilkens '83, Dave Unmacht '81 and Greg Scheuerman '81.

Third row far left: Doug Murray '83, Bobby Garris '83, Richard Simon '84, Bob Ringstad '81, Craig Bahlmann '81, Dave Hoffman '81, Kevin Anhalt '81 and George Stephenson.

KNIGHTS IN THE NEWS

1974

PATRICIA BROWER SOENKSEN, Greensboro, N.C., is the president and CEO of Hospice and Palliative Care of Greensboro.

CRAIG WIERSON, Waukee, Iowa, became a partner on June 1 with Clifton Gunderson LLP, West Des Moines.

1975

HOMECOMING REUNION OCT. 21-24

C. GREGORY HOVDEN, Waverly, Iowa, retired from teaching junior high science at the Waverly-Shell Rock Community Schools. He teaches drivers' education for Goulden Rule School of Driving, Cedar Falls.

NELLA von DOHREN SPURLIN, Temple, Texas, was named Southwest Conference on Language Teaching (SWCOLT) Teacher of the Year for 2009-10 at the spring conference, Norman, Okla. She will represent the Southwest region at the ACTFL conference in November in San Diego, Calif. Nella teaches German at Temple High School.

1976

BILL "HOOT" GIBSON, Tinley Park, Ill., is the vice president of sales for Trico, a marketing solutions company for sales development in print and Internet services.

1977

Dr. DAVID KLINGEMAN, Collegeville, Minn., was recently named to the board of regents at Saint John's University. He is director of the Saint John's Abbey Guesthouse and the abbey archivist.

RICK SIMMONS, Germany, retired from the U.S. Air Force on Oct. 1, 2008, after serving eight years in the Army and more than 18 years in the Air Force. He is a civilian physical therapist with the Army.

1979

JEFFREY PETERSON, Monroe, Wis., is vice president of specialty lines with SECURA Insurance, Appleton, Wis.

1980

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The Rev. **KIM WILLS**, Hampton, Iowa, is the pastor at Zion St. John Lutheran Church, Sheffield.

1981

Dr. ANTHONY FRANK, Loveland, Colo., was named permanent president of Colorado State University, Ft. Collins. He had been interim president since November 2008.

Dr. SARAH LUTZ, San Diego, Calif., is a veterinarian.

1982

CAROL TAKES KOTTENSTETTE, Burlington, Iowa, received her doctorate in physical therapy in May 2009 from St. Ambrose University, Davenport.

1983

BART HARMS, Waterloo, Iowa, became a partner with Pedersen, Dowie, Clabey & McCausland Insurance (PDCM). He heads the PDCM Life and Health Division.

1984

GREG JOHNSON, Yukon, Okla., was elected as a director for the National Education Association (NEA).

1988

JOEL DICKMAN, San Diego, Calif., was promoted to news director at KGTV, the ABC station affiliate.

ART SATHOFF, Packwood, Iowa, is the high school principal with the Fairfield Community School District, Fairfield.

1989

Dr. CHRIS ANDERSON, Monticello, Iowa, received his doctorate in education leadership from Drake University School of Education, Des Moines. His dissertation was titled, *School District Reorganization in Iowa: Considerations for Administrators, School Boards, and Communities*. Chris is the superintendent of schools with the Monticello Community School District.

AMY BAKER BRASE, Oronoco, Minn., won a Page One award from the Minnesota chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists. She won third place for her humor column in *Rochester Women* magazine, in the category "Magazine — Story, Design, Photography: Best Department" for magazines under 50,000 circulation.



Alumnus Harold Webster '63 of Buffalo, Minn., (center) joined Wartburg students on a service trip to Biloxi, Miss., in spring 2007, which he recalled in an essay that is online at www.wartburg.edu/magazine/biloxi.

BETH HOVDEN WOOD, Pella, Iowa, is the director of student accounts and accounts receivable at Central College.

DAVE WOOD, Pella, Iowa, was promoted to a regional partnership director with Heartland Area Education Agency 11, Johnston.

1990

HOMECOMING REUNION OCT. 21-24

KRISTINA FRUEHLING, Green River, Wyo., received her second master's degree in educational administration from Grand Canyon University, Phoenix, Ariz. She teaches seventh and eighth grade math with the Sweetwater County School District #2.

PAUL SCHMIDT and **KAREN FULWIDER SCHMIDT** '91, Preston, Minn., raise certified organic garlic and a variety of other certified organic crops including asparagus. They are one of Minnesota's largest certified organic garlic farms.

David Owens and **NICOLE STALEY-OWENS**, Houston, Texas, announce the birth of Hollie Anne, Dec. 2, 2008. She joins Konner, 3½.

SCOTT WYANT, Mason City, Iowa, teaches junior and high school weight

training, introduction to business, accounting, exploratory business, world history and physical education. He advises Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) and coaches high school baseball with the Mormon Trail Community School District, Humeston.

1992

Dr. SCOTT HENDRICKSON, Omaha, Neb., is an assistant professor of political science at Creighton University.

1993

JONATHON HENNINGS and **HEIDI SCHAEIDIG HENNINGS** '95, Waverly, Iowa, announce the birth of Cora Elaine, Feb. 11. She joins Hannah, 10, and Ethan, 6. Jonathon was commissioned a 1st Lieutenant in the U.S. Army Reserves, Nov. 7, 2008. He received a Master of Nursing degree on Dec. 19, 2008, from Allen College, Waterloo. Jonathon is a family nurse practitioner at Peoples Community Health Clinic, Waterloo, and continues to minister at Peace United Church of Christ, Waverly.

Franz and **E'LYNN ELLIS OLSEN**, Des Moines, Iowa, announce the birth of Elizabeth Sue, Aug. 26.

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Spirituality in the workplace?

How have you been touched or affected by spirituality in the workplace?
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KNIGHTS IN THE NEWS

1994

Dave and JANIECE KUEKER KRAMER, Fredericksburg, Iowa, announce the birth of Kolton Robert, Aug. 24. He joins Connor, 2. Janiece is director and preschool teacher at Fun in the Sun Daycare and Preschool.

Scott and MICHELLE DJUREN KRECL, Studio City, Calif., announce the birth of Madeline, June 3. She joins Ryan, 4½, and Evan, 2½.

KEVIN STUDER and SHARON DOLE STUDER '95, Johnston, Iowa, announce the birth of Zoey Madonna, May 1. She joins Calista, 5.

1995

HOMECOMING REUNION OCT. 21-24
Alan and TERI LIES HAAS, Jefferson City, Mo., announce the birth of Lydia Lane, June 26. She joins Hannah, 4, and Chloe, 1.

Tom and JENNIFER HOTH KNIGHT, Little Rock, Ark., announce the birth of Miriam Laura, Jan. 24. She joins Spencer, 6. Jennifer is director of secondary marketing with The Carroll Mortgage Group, Inc.

HEATHER McCLINTOCK and Mark Dodge, Dubuque, Iowa, were married June 20.

1996
MICHIRU HIGUCHI and Atsushi Kato, Tokyo, Japan, announce the birth of Mu Kato, July 8. He joins Ma, 2½.

BRIAN IDE, Los Angeles, Calif., is a filmmaker with Meriwether Productions and is set to direct two feature films in 2010.

Dr. TAVI MADDEN-LeDUC and Dr. Mark LeDuc, Mason City, Iowa, announce the birth of Kennedy Jean, July 22.

Michael and FAITH YOUNG RAIFORD, North Liberty, Iowa, announce the birth of Alexander, Aug. 1. He joins Philip, 4, and Claire, 2.

JENNIFER LARSON SCHNELL, Center Point, Iowa, was awarded the Middle School Physical Education Teacher of the Year in November 2008 for the state of Iowa by the Iowa Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (IAHPERD). She was awarded the Central District Middle School Physical Education Teacher of the Year in March 2009 by the American Alliance of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (AAHPERD). Jennifer was awarded the Central District Middle School Physical Education Teacher of the Year in April 2009 by the National Association of Sport and Physical Education (NASPE). She was one of five finalists for the National Physical Education Teachers of the Year.

TRINA ZWICKER, Stuttgart, Germany, is a special assistant in the general's office with AFRICOM.



1997

STEPHANIE HARVEY and Adam Schmidt, Huxley, Iowa, were married April 25.

JENNIFER GREEN JOHNSON, Madison, Wis., is the college scholar program manager with the PEOPLE Program at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Jason and NIKKI KIMBALL KITNER, Independence, Iowa, announce the birth of Taylor Fay, Jan. 15. She joins Alan (AJ), 2½.

STEVE and KRIS BLIHOVDE MATHESIUS, Milton, Wis., announce the birth of Julia Grace, July 6.

Shannon and CINDY GEERTS RIECK, Ladora, Iowa, announce the birth of Ava Kathleen, June 18.

1998

SARAH ALBERTSON-CORKERY, Cedar Falls, Iowa, hosted an e-mail marketing discussion, *Stop the Spam and Start a Dialogue: Setting up a Successful E-mail Marketing Campaign*, on Oct. 1 at the Society for Healthcare Strategy and Market Development's Annual Educational Conference Round-Table Luncheon, Orlando, Fla. She is the director of healthcare marketing at ME&V.

AMY LAWSON BIGGS and BRIAN BIGGS '99, Clive, Iowa, announce the birth of Simon Jeffrey, July 30. He joins Jack, 5, and Annika, 2.

MATT FISCHER, Urbandale, Iowa, is an account executive with ME&V, Des Moines.

1999

Dale and AMY SHANKLAND HURLE, St. Cloud, Minn., announce the birth of Sophia Grace, March 18.

JESSICA CHIDESTER MEIER, Waverly, Iowa, received her master of arts in education degree in July 2009 from Viterbo University, La Crosse, Wis. She teaches second grade at West Cedar Elementary School with the Waverly-Shell Rock Community Schools.

JOSH MEIER, Waverly, Iowa, is a K-12 physical education teacher and an assistant wrestling coach with the Waverly-Shell Rock Community Schools.

ELLINGTON MILLER, Rochester, Minn., is the editor of *Rochester Women* magazine.



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Digmanns share story of life, love and MS

by Emily Schmitt '11



Dan '95 and Jennifer Digmann encourage people across the country to overcome the daily challenges of life with multiple sclerosis.

Dan and Jennifer, of Mount Pleasant, Mich., both have forms of multiple sclerosis (MS). They hope their optimistic outlook on life will inspire others living with the disease.

"Considering there are more than 400,000 Americans living with multiple sclerosis, I want to share a story of two different cases of MS and how you can continue to live a quality life with this disease," Jennifer said.

MS is a disease that attacks the central nervous system and it affects every person differently. People with MS learn to cope with the disease as there is currently not a cure.

Although Dan experiences numbness in his hands and feet, he is able to run and competes in 5K events to stay healthy. Jennifer's form of MS has eliminated her ability to walk, confining her to a wheelchair.

"I have to live my life the best I can regardless of multiple sclerosis," Jennifer said. "The biggest challenge with Dan having MS is just remembering that my caregiver is living with the same disease I'm living with."

The couple has spoken at fairs and festivals across the country and was recently a winner in Acorda Therapeutics' national search for people to tell stories of life with MS. As contest winners, they created podcasts that describe their motivation and experience with MS. The podcasts can be viewed at iwalkbecause.org/podcasts.

The Digmanns also blog about the struggles and triumphs of everyday life. To view their blog, go to danandjenniferdigmann.com.

"We hope our optimistic perspective will serve as a positive example to inspire others to do the same in dealing with whatever challenges they're facing in their lives," Dan said.

The couple met at a National MS Society seminar in 2002. Jennifer was a group leader at the seminar, which was intended to help people with MS rediscover their goals and dreams.



Dan Digmann '95 (right) and his wife, Jennifer, use their experiences living with multiple sclerosis to inspire and encourage others who are dealing with life challenges. They have shared their story with audiences nationwide.

“We hope our optimistic perspective will serve as a positive example to inspire others to do the same in dealing with whatever challenges they're facing in their lives. **”**

Dan and Jennifer left the seminar with an increased appreciation for life and the beginnings of a life together.

Before they began seriously dating, Dan wondered how a relationship between two people with MS would work. It was unknown if one would be strong enough to care for the other.

"I quickly realized that together Jennifer and I could make this happen, and I've never looked back," Dan said.

Jennifer had similar worries, but chose to put them aside and see where the relationship took them.

Living together and caring for each other challenges both Dan and Jennifer daily. If they are both having a bad MS day, it can be difficult, but Dan said they are each other's built-in support group.

"The challenge comes in being able to remind myself that even when things are at their worst, my spirit is one thing this disease can't touch. It's a blessing and a curse when your spouse also has MS," Dan said.

5,200-mile canoe expedition took Lane from Arctic to Gulf of Mexico

by Emily Schmitt '11

An advertisement in 1969 searching for someone to canoe from the Arctic Circle to the Gulf of Mexico caught the attention of adventure-loving Barry Lane.

The 18-year-old responded to the ad, which had been placed by Vern Schield, a Waverly industrialist who started the Schield Bantam company with his brother. Schield selected Lane for the expedition.

"I think I just pestered him enough that he finally agreed," Lane said.

Lane, from northern Minnesota, had done his share of camping, hiking and fishing and said he thought he was experienced enough for the trip at the time. But, looking back, he admitted he was not as qualified as he thought.

"There was nothing that would have prepared me for this," he said.

Although his mom was worried, Lane convinced her that he was going no matter what she said. His dad supported him and even traveled with him for a portion of the journey.

The Canadian government arranged an Eskimo to guide Lane during his trip, and Gustavus Adolphus College, where he had just begun his studies, agreed to give him credit for the excursion. He received an English credit for keeping a journal, a biology credit for mapping the flora and fauna of the Arctic, a sociology credit for writing a report on the lifestyle of Eskimos and half of a physical



education credit for camping.

Schield accompanied Lane to Repulse Bay, Canada, which is four miles north of the Arctic Circle. As they

attempted to board a flight to reach the town, Canadian officials became suspicious and delayed their trip.

"They detained me because they thought I was a draft dodger until I missed the flight," Lane said.

They arrived in Repulse Bay, and Lane began his expedition in 1970, during the Vietnam War era.

Lane learned how the Eskimos lived in the town and was surprised that research about their lifestyle was decades out of date.

"I had a lot of relearning to do in terms of their culture," he said.

The first two Eskimos to accompany him had never been far enough south to have seen a tree. They helped him navigate Hudson Bay, once going 55 miles without seeing land.

They were disconnected from the world. They had no cell phones or radios, and his Eskimo guides had never seen a Polaroid camera like his.

"Once we got started, no one in the world knew where we were," he said.

Although his guides spoke little English, they understood that Lane wanted to take photos of things along the way. He said they became so

enthusiastic getting great photos that they would put themselves in danger so he could take one.

They once paddled up next to a sperm whale and would get dangerously close to polar bears.

At one resting point, Lane found an abandoned rifle. He scraped off the rust, uncovering the words "Hudson Bay Company, made in England in 1869." The rifle later would be housed in the Schield Museum, given to Wartburg College by Schield, until it closed in October. Lane was given the rifle when he visited the college in December to speak about his expedition.

When Lane got to the Mississippi River, his canoe was just large enough to require him to go through the locks and dam with boats and barges much larger than his canoe, named Little Eric.

Lane said he was most scared while camping along the riverbank near St. Louis because of the black power riots.

Schield did not travel with Lane for much of the trip, but he did fly to periodically check in on Lane.

Lane arrived in New Orleans five months and 5,200 miles after departing from Repulse Bay.

When reflecting on his trip, he admitted adrenaline kept him from thinking about the danger he was often in.

"I can't say I wasn't afraid," he said. "But you just dealt with things as they came up on a daily basis."

KNIGHTS IN THE NEWS

BARBARA WHITE SAMUELSON and ANTHONY SAMUELSON '00, West Des Moines, Iowa, announce the birth of Lhotse Mardell, July 14. Anthony is a structural engineer with Raker Rhodes Engineering, Des Moines. Barbara is a fifth grade teacher.

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TIM FLYNN and MOLLY MASON FLYNN '01, Washington, Iowa, announce the birth of Meadow, June 8, 2008. She joins Beau, 2½.

SANDRA HANSEN and Ryan Hildreth, Monroe, Iowa, were married May 30.

LISA WHITMAN KAMMERER, Cresco, Iowa, was commissioned and installed as an associate in ministry in the ELCA on July 19. Her call is to youth and family ministry at First Lutheran Church.



Dr. **SHANNON LAU**, New Hampton, Iowa, joined the Waverly Health Center's Women's Clinic, Waverly.

Curt and **MELISSA RINDELS ROACH**, Norwalk, Iowa, announce the birth of Madison Jean, Nov. 11, 2008.

2001

AMBER IHM COOK and MATT COOK '02, Marion, Iowa, announce the birth of Collin Joseph, May 20. He joins Cooper, 3½.

EMILY HAMER and Jeremiah Foose, Farmington, N.M., were married July 26. Emily is a teacher with the Mosaic Academy Charter School, Aztec.

Andy and **VALERIE HULSTEIN HENNIG**, Vadnais Heights, Minn., announce the birth of Sylvia Michelle, May 21. She joins twin brothers, Martin and Graham, 2.

Brian and **VANESSA LEVENHAGEN LEAVITT**, Bettendorf, Iowa, announce the birth of Noah, Jan. 7, 2008.

Matthew and **ANDREA PAYNE MERITT**, Lemoore, Calif., announce the birth of Noah Matthew, May 16.

Tyson and **JANELLE YOUNG MORIO**, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, announce the birth of Luke Tyson, June 15.

ANDREA ROHNE and Adam McNeely, Lyle, Minn., were married Jan. 2008. They announce the birth of Asher, July 2009.

MICHAEL and MAREN KIESZKOWSKI TRETTIN, West Des Moines, Iowa, announce the birth of Audrey Marie, May 15. She joins Ethan, 2½.

Adam and **CARRIE DIETZENBACH WEBER**, Montezuma, Iowa, announce the birth of Zander Charles, April 3. He joins Aleric, 3.

2002

SHANNON ELLIS and Adam Froeber, Savage, Minn., were married May 2.

Marvin and **SARAH KASZINSKI JACKSON**, Waukee, Iowa, announce the birth of Caytum Marcus, Sept. 2. He joins Taryn, 4, and Kiara, 3½.

LINDSAY OELKERS KUHL and RYAN KUHL '03, Arcadia, Wis., announce the birth of Micah Ryan, Jan. 10. Ryan teaches seventh grade math and science and Lindsay teaches third grade with the Seoul Foreign School, Seoul, Korea.

KRISTY BLASBERG MANSON and MATT MANSON '03, Webster City, Iowa, announce the birth of Braden Thomas, Nov. 19, 2008.

Jonathan and **HOLLY PELLETTERI RUSSELL**, Urbandale, Iowa, announce the birth of Annabelle Jean, April 19.

JASON SULLIVAN, Denver, Iowa, is a high school social studies teacher and football coach with the Jesup Community Schools.

Aaron and **LISA SCHEIBE TEKIPPE**, Urbandale, Iowa, announce the birth of Natalie Olivia, May 18.

2003

SARAH BAHE, Sumner, Iowa, teaches ninth grade English, communications and composition at Sumner-Fredericksburg Schools.

MELISSA CARLSON and Mike Beer, St. Louis Park, Minn., were married Aug. 18.

Blake and **JORDAN DRACKLEY HANSEN**, Hudson, Iowa, announce the birth of Reese Charlotte, June 24.

Matt and **EMILY BLOCK KITTLE**, Dubuque, Iowa, announce the birth of Maggie, June 17. She joins Aidan, 1½.

HOLLY MOHS, Elgin, Iowa, teaches elementary physical education and junior high health with the Valley Community School District.

MATTHEW and Dr. **MELISSA BOEVERS SIMON**, Madison, Wis., announce the birth of Anastasia Marian, Jan. 6. She joins Naomi, 2½.

Andrew and **SARA MONSON SKARDA**, Janesville, Wis., announce the birth of Luke Daniel, June 25.

SHELLEY PANOS, Apple Valley, Minn., announces the birth of Brayden Debettignies, May 28.

SCOTT and Erin **PATTON**, Iowa Falls, Iowa, announce the birth of Kyler Michael, April 28.

LANCE RIDPATH, Concord, Va., is an applied academic research and evaluation specialist with West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine, Lewisburg.

JOSHUA SMOOTHERS and Sara Sonderman, Des Moines, Iowa, were married July 24.

MIKE TYER, Waterloo, Iowa, is creative director and partner/owner of Cohesive Creative & Code, an interactive and design studio, Cedar Falls.

KIM MAYER WIPPERMAN and BRADEN WIPPERMAN '04, Altoona, Iowa, announce the birth of Caelyn Marie, July 15.

2004

ALICIA BECK and Danny Adams, Denver, Iowa, were married Aug. 1.

KEVIN FURNESS and Natalie Palof, Kirksville, Mo., were married Aug. 15.

MEGAN GOSNELL and Shannon Godbee, Turlock, Calif., were married June 13.

MITCHELL GROEN and **JADE HOLST GROEN '06**, Central City, Iowa, announce the birth of Miles, July 10.

ZACHARY KEENEY and **BETH NEAL '05**, Waterloo, Iowa, were married Aug. 15.

JARED and **KELLY WATKINS PIRKL**, Van Horne, Iowa, announce the birth of Carter, April 14.

Dr. **AUDRA RAMSEY**, Huntington, W.Va., received her doctorate of osteopathic medicine on May 23 from Des Moines University, Des Moines, Iowa.

Inspired by service?

How did involvement in service activities at Wartburg impact your life after college? We'd like to know! Drop us a line at alumni@wartburg.edu.

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JENNIFER JANSEN SCHAUF, Oelwein, Iowa, is a special education teacher with the Starmont High School, Arlington.

AMY SERFLATEN, Lincoln, Neb., is the region 4 facilitator for the Network. She is the director of youth ministries at Sheridan Lutheran Church.

JEFF VOREIS and **ERICA POWLESS**, Fairfield, Iowa, were married June 23. Jeff is a trader with Cambridge Investment Research, Inc. Erica is a marketing consultant with Cambridge Investment Research, Inc.

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ANDREA BOCKELMAN and Kyle Vorachek, Minneapolis, Minn., were married March 16. Andrea is a sales representative with RR Donnelley.

The Rev. **EMILY CARSON**, Stewartville, Minn., graduated in May from the Lutheran School of Theology, Chicago. She is the associate pastor at Zion Lutheran Church.

DR. MICHELLE SLADE CRAIG, Janesville, Iowa, received her doctorate of osteopathic medicine on May 23 from Des Moines University, Des Moines.

BRAD CULBERTSON and **TERESE OTT**, Algona, Iowa, were married Sept. 19.

BROOKE FERGUSON, Fort Dodge, Iowa, is a residence assistant and assistant cross country and track coach at Iowa Central Community College.

MARY FULLER, Atlantic, Iowa, received a master's degree in physician assistant studies in May from Union College, Schenectady, N.Y. She is a physician assistant with Atlantic Medical Center.

ANDREW HEITMAN and Brittni Ealy, Williamsburg, Iowa, were married June 27.

JILL KOCH and Brian Hodge, Platte City, Mo., were married July 18.

DR. JARED KRAY, Urbandale, Iowa, received his doctorate of osteopathic medicine on May 23 from Des Moines University, Des Moines.

CHRISTOPHER LAUGHLIN and Rachel Meier, Columbia, S.C., were married May 23. Christopher received his Master of Divinity and honors in New Testament on May 8 from the Lutheran Theological Seminary, Gettysburg, Pa.

JOSH and KIM PETERSEN MEYER, Garwin, Iowa, announce the birth of Jonah Richard, Aug. 4.

JOSH MOEN, St. Louis Park, Minn., placed 13th in the 10,000 with a time of 28:57:31 at the U.S. Track and Field outdoor championship on June 25 at Hayward Field, Eugene, Ore.

BRANDON NEWTON and **CHRISTY HANSEN NEWTON '06**, White Bear Lake, Minn., announce the birth of Grace Elizabeth, June 13.

JACOB ROSDAIL and **ASHLEY WEETS '06**, Pella, Iowa, were married July 11 in the Wartburg Chapel.

STUART SPENCER and **ERIN GRANDGENETT**, Johnston, Iowa, were married June 13.

SARAH WALTERS and Chad Eastling, Cedar Falls, Iowa, were married Sept. 11.

EMILY LUBBERDEN WHALLEY, Pella, Iowa, is teaching conversational English at Kushigata Junior High School, Minami Alps, Japan.

2006
TODD ACHENBACH and Christin Beran, North English, Iowa, were married Aug. 8.

ALYSSA BENVENISTE, East Peoria, Ill., is a preschool teacher.

Ethan and **MEGAN KAMPMAN EPLEY**, Waverly, Iowa, announce the birth of Jackson, May 19.

JESSICA GRASBY and Anthony Dawson, Anamosa, Iowa, were married in August. Jessica is a vocal teacher with Midland Community Schools, Wyoming, Iowa.

KAY HANSEN and Greg Kauffman, Reinbeck, Iowa, were married Sept. 26.

DAVID HILL, Des Moines, Iowa, was named the 2009 Educator of the Year by The Iowa Access for Special Kids (ASK) Family Resource Center at the Parent Empowerment Congress on Aug. 29.

KNIGHTS IN THE NEWS

REED HOSKINS and **ELIZABETH SUMMIT**, Waverly, Iowa, were married June 20. Reed is an assistant football coach at Wartburg College. Elizabeth is an admissions counselor at Wartburg College.

BRIAN McINTIRE and **JILL VARNEY**, Clear Lake, Iowa, were married Aug. 15.

CASEY PAULI and **CARI KINZENBAW**, Ladora, Iowa, were married Sept. 5. Casey is the recreation center assistant with Kirkwood Community College, Cedar Rapids. Cari is a traffic engineer for the city of Cedar Rapids.

RYAN PHILLIPS and **TIFFANY HANSEN '07**, Fayette, Iowa, were married Aug. 8.

CARLA RODIS and John Pudwill, North Liberty, Iowa, were married Aug. 15.

LINDSAY STEVENSON and Andy Schaapveld, Waverly, Iowa, were married June 13.

STEFFANIE TOMLINSON, Knoxville, Iowa, was named assistant director of admissions at Central College, Pella.

RACHEL VOMACKA and **ZACH TOMAS '07**, Newton, Iowa, were married Aug. 1.

2007

KURT ANDREESEN and Robin Stolte, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, were married Sept. 5.

STEPHANIE AREY and Travis Angell, Platteville, Colo., were married June 6.

ASHLEY DIETZ and **BRYAN McCARTY '08**, Cedar Falls, Iowa, were married June 7, 2008. Bryan is an account manager with EdgeCore. Ashley is an elementary music teacher with the New Hampton School District, New Hampton.

JANEL DVORAK, Rochester, Minn., is a lead private pre-kindergarten teacher with Primrose School.

BROOKE NIELSEN HENNIGS, Bloomington, Minn., is an art director with Arnold Ostrom Advertising, Minneapolis.

SCOTT KAUFFMAN and **AMY KOESTER**, St. Louis, Mo., were married Aug. 1.

KATIE LENERS and **NATHAN JOHNSTON '09**, Waverly, Iowa, were married May 30 in the Wartburg Chapel.

CASEY LUENSMANN and **MALLORY WILLEMS**, Davenport, Iowa, were married July 18.

EVA SERSLAND, Surprise, Ariz., is an executive assistant to the senior pastor at Radiant Church.

ASBJORN and **LINDSAY BOEVERS SKEIE**, Madison, Wis., announce the birth of Evelyn, Aug. 15, 2008.

2008

EMILY FAIRCHILD, Mt. Vernon, Iowa, graduated from AmeriCorps national Civilian Community Corps (AmeriCorps NCCC) Pacific Region, wrapping up 10 months of community service nationwide. She was one of 296 AmeriCorps NCCC members honored.

GARRETT HUFFORD and **KARLEE COOPER '08 HUFFORD**, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, announce the birth of Eden Grace on July 13. Garrett is a dental technician with Dental Prosthetic Services.

CHAD KELLEY and **AMBER VAUGHN**, Pleasant Hill, Iowa, were married June 6.

JENNA NICOL and Jesse Vislisel, Iowa City, Iowa, were married July 18.

KATHERINE PEDETY and Anthony Chullino, Dubuque, Iowa, were married Aug. 15.

LAURA STAEBELL and Michael Steen, Waterloo, Iowa, were married July 17.

APRIL SUHR and **ALAN SCHWEINFURTH '09**, Charles City, Iowa, were married July 11. April is a preschool teacher with the Charles City Community Schools.

2009

KEYEA AIMABLE, Dubuque, Iowa, is a technical support specialist with IBM.

ELVIS ALICIC, Waterloo, Iowa, is with John Deere Waterloo Works and is a computer science major at the University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls.

CHELSEA ANDERSON, Long Grove, Iowa, is a lead youth specialist with LSI Bremwood, Waverly.

SHANNON ARNOLD, Rockford, Ill., is a theology student at Wartburg Seminary, Dubuque, Iowa.

MEGAN BABER, Davenport, Iowa, is a chiropractic student at Palmer College of Chiropractic.

AARON BARTHOLMEY, Clarinda, Iowa, is a high school math teacher with the Clarinda Community Schools.

JOSH BERNHARD, Lake Mills, Iowa, is a graduate student at Iowa State University.



Wartburg students display the winner of this year's "Beat Luther T-shirt Contest." The shirt was unveiled and sold at the Renaissance Faire during Homecoming 2009 for students, faculty, staff and alumni to wear at the football game against Luther on Oct. 31, 2009. Wartburg College beat Luther College 24-9.

STEVE BIEDERMANN, Ankeny, Iowa, is a theology student at Luther Seminary, St. Paul, Minn.

KRISTEN BOCKENSTEDT, Strawberry Point, Iowa, is store manager with Family Video, Indiana.

TRAVIS BOCKENSTEDT, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, is a broadcast sales specialist at KCRG-TV.

EMILY BRADSHAW, Cedar Falls, Iowa, is an event coordinator with Park Place Event Centre.

BEN BRANNAMAN, Waverly, Iowa, is the residence life service coordinator/Generation Orange coordinator at Wartburg College.

KATHY BRERETON, Keystone, Iowa, is a logistics manager with Ruan Transportation, Green Bay, Wis.

STEPHANIE BURNS, Cedar Falls, Iowa, is a graduate student at the University of Iowa.

KRISTIN CARLSON, Braham, Minn., is a student nurse tech with Allen Hospital – Iowa Health System, Waterloo, Iowa.

BRIAN CHENOWETH, Geneseo, Ill., is an underwriter with Wells Fargo.

GARRETT CHRISTESON, West Des Moines, Iowa, is a State Farm representative with Kari D. Durham State Farm, Urbandale.

BETH CHUNG, Dubuque, Iowa, is a graduate student at Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill.

DANNY COOK, Cedar Falls, Iowa, is a business process analyst with GMAC Mortgage, Waterloo.

CLAUDIO D'AMATO, Blacksburg, Va., is a graduate student and teaching assistant at Virginia Tech, Hopewell.

EMILY DeLONG, Strawberry Point, Iowa, is a theology student at Wartburg Theological Seminary, Dubuque.

SARAH DENTLINGER, Guthrie Center, Iowa, is an art teacher with the Clarke Community School District, Osceola.

RYAN DeSANTI, Dubuque, Iowa, is a graduate student at Rosalind Franklin University, North Chicago, Ill.

THOMAS DIRTH, Cedar Falls, Iowa, is a graduate student at the University of Northern Iowa.

KATE ELLIOTT, Cedar Falls, Iowa, is a graduate student and teaching assistant at the University of Northern Iowa.

JOSH FAABORG, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, is a credit manager with Wells Fargo Financial.

JARED FAIRBANKS, Clear Lake, Iowa, is an optometry student at Illinois College of Optometry, Chicago.

DREW FAYRAM, Anamosa, Iowa, is a graduate student at the University of Iowa.

Walther selected to observe German elections

by Saul Shapiro

Dan Walther went to Germany in September to participate in a bit of German history, and a historic moment was revisited at Wartburg in November under his aegis.

Walther, the Gerald R. Kleinfeld Distinguished Professor of German History and chair of the history department, was among 18 scholars and journalists from four continents selected by the German Academic Exchange Service — funded by the German Foreign Office — to observe the quadrennial Bundestag parliamentary elections Sept. 27.

He witnessed campaign events in Hiedelberg, Stuttgart, Hamburg, Munich and Berlin. The group met with leading media and business executives, labor, academicians and candidates. “It was an amazing trip when you look at all the people we met,” Walther said.

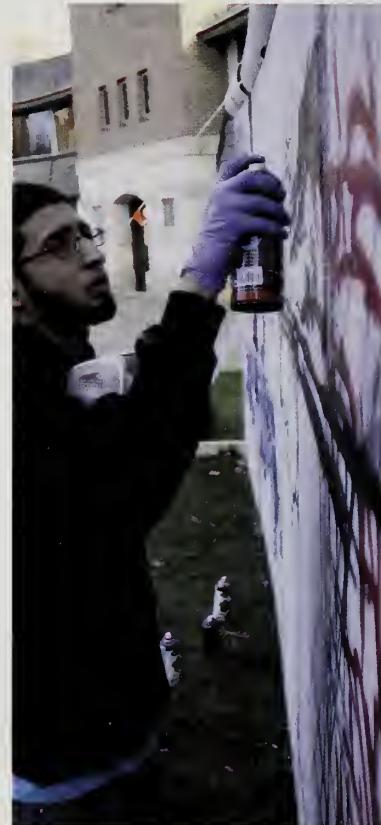
Walther returned to help oversee the student-run “Freedom Without Walls,” a Nov. 4-13 commemoration of the 20th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall. The German Embassy in Washington selected Wartburg as one of 25 U.S. colleges to receive an \$8,000 “Freedom Without Walls” grant.

In Germany, Walther got a firsthand look at the dissolution of the coalition government headed by Chancellor Angela Merkel of the center-right Christian Democratic Union and Vice Chancellor Frank-Walter Steinmeier of the leftist Social Democratic Party. It gave way to a new dynamic with Merkel’s CDU joining forces with the pro-business Free Democratic Party.

Walther said the campaign was “not thrilling or exciting,” but noteworthy for issues the major parties did not discuss, including Germany’s roles in the European Union and Afghanistan, for fear of losing public support.

Back home, the “Freedom Without Walls” celebration was aimed at “reaching out to a generation born when the wall came down,” according to German Ambassador Klaus Scharioth.

Campus events included German films; a charity run; a graffiti competition on a mock Berlin Wall, which was later “demolished”; a speech contest; and a gala event featuring a presentation by former U.S. envoy to Germany James D. Bindenagel, who was stationed in East Berlin when the wall came down.



Nathaniel Maldonado '11 spray paints graffiti on a mock Berlin Wall. His effort earned a third-place award from the German Embassy among participating colleges.

WARTBURG COLLEGE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
The Land of Jesus: Still a Holy Land
JUNE 3-15, 2011 13 DAYS
OPTIONAL EXTENSION TO EGYPT: JUNE 15-19, 2011
HOSTED BY DR. WALTER (CHIP) BOUZARD

Tour Highlights

- See the stories of the Bible unfold when you walk as a pilgrim along the paths of the early church with a Christian guide.
- Visit the Sea of Galilee and the Jordan River.
- Take a returning boat ride on the Sea of Galilee.
- Take a cable car ride up to Masada and learn of the Zealot/Maccabean resistance against the Romans.
- Visit the Dead Sea, the lowest point on earth.
- Walk the Palm Sunday Road and the Via Dolorosa in Jerusalem.
- Visit the Church of the Nativity and Manger Square in Bethlehem.
- Visit the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem.
- Learn about the role of Christians in the Israeli/Palestinian conflict.
- Visit Tel Aviv, the Israel Holocast Memorial.
- Participate in devotional and worship opportunities coordinated by Rev. Ramona Bouzard, Wartburg's Dean of the Chapel.
- Extend your explorations with an optional four-day Egypt extension.

Group Travel Director: Amanda Gahler

Visit the Holy Land with alumni, friends

Travel through “The Land of Jesus: Still a Holy Land” with the Rev. Dr. Walter “Chip” Bouzard to see the stories of the Bible unfold when you walk along the paths of the early church.

In 2011, Wartburg College alumni and friends will have the opportunity to enjoy a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee, walk the Palm Sunday Road and the Via Dolorosa in Jerusalem, see the Church of the Nativity and Manger Square in Bethlehem and visit Nazareth, where Jesus grew up. Additionally, travelers will participate in devotional and worship opportunities coordinated by the Rev. Ramona Bouzard, Wartburg’s Dean of the Chapel.

The tour will be from June 3 to 15, 2011, with an optional four-day extension to Egypt.

For more information, visit www.wartburg.edu/alumni/programs.html.

KNIGHTS IN THE NEWS

KAYLA FELD, Milford, Iowa, is a fourth grade teacher at Terrace Elementary School with the Ankeny Community School District, Ankeny.

IAN FLORES and Erin Pippert, Cedar Falls, Iowa, were married June 27. Ian is a financial representative with Financial Architects.

SARAH FRAZELL, Woodbury, Minn., is a case management worker with the Lutheran Volunteer Corp. at Samaritan Ministry of Greater Washington, Washington, D.C.

AMY FREESEMAN, Waverly, Iowa, is a bilingual customer service rep with CUNA Mutual Group.

RYAN GERARDY, Eldridge, Iowa, is a credit manager with Wells Fargo Financial, Cedar Rapids.

CHRIS GOETZINGER, Mason City, Iowa, is a medical student at the University of Iowa.

KAYLA GOODCHILD, Newton, Iowa, is an eighth grade science teacher and assistant ninth grade volleyball coach at B.C. Berg Middle School with the Newton Community School District.

MARA GROOM, Savage, Md., is a osteopathy student at Des Moines University, Des Moines, Iowa.

ANGELA HANSON, Garner, Iowa, is a physical therapy student at the University of Iowa.

ANGELA HARTWIG, Long Grove, Iowa, is a physical therapy student at the University of Iowa.

RACHEL HARTZ, St. Louis, Mo., is a case manager with ElderHealth Northwest, Seattle, Wash.

LISA HAGER, Grundy Center, Iowa, is a fitness Instructor with the Grundy Family YMCA.

MEGAN HEITMAN, Marengo, Iowa, is a sixth and eighth grade physical education teacher and eighth grade health exploratory teacher at Vinton-Shellsburg Middle School with the Vinton-Shellsburg Community School District, Vinton.

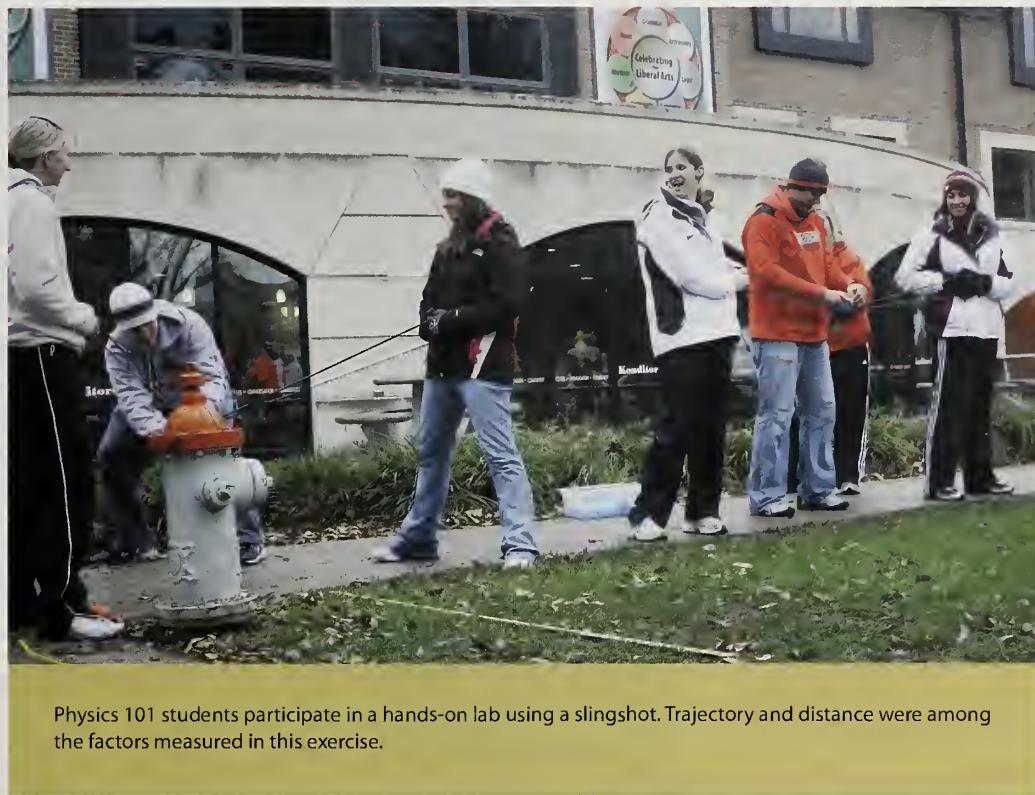
MARCUS HEMESATH, Watkins, Iowa, is a medical student at Des Moines University, Des Moines.

JACQUELINE HERRICK, Oelwein, Iowa, is an accounting student with the University of Phoenix.

JOHN HERRICK, Charles City, Iowa, is a high school English teacher with the Martensdale-St. Mary's Community School District, Martensdale.

SPENCER HERZBERG, Sibley, Iowa, is a software engineering student at the Rochester Institute of Technology, Rochester, N.Y.

AMANDA HEWITT and **JUSTIN MOORMAN**, Overland Park, Kan., were married Aug. 1. Justin is a manager in training with Family Video. Amanda is an accountant with Deere & Company, Lenexa.



Physics 101 students participate in a hands-on lab using a slingshot. Trajectory and distance were among the factors measured in this exercise.

ELLEN HILGER, Appleton, Wis., is a volunteer teacher with Young Adults in Global Mission – ELCA, Kota Kinabalu, Malaysia.

CARL HOEG is an international relations student at John Hopkins School of Advanced International Study, Bologna, Italy.

ALISHA HOFFMANN, Highland, Ill., is a Spanish and English 4 teacher with St. Elmo CUSD #202, St. Elmo.

CHELSEA HOLTZ, Kansas City, Mo., is a medical student at Kansas City University.

SHAIDA HOSSEIN, Huntsville, Mo., is an occupational therapy student at Creighton University, Omaha, Neb.

KYLE HUEGEL, Des Moines, Iowa, is a medical student at Des Moines University.

GRANT JENKINS, Manchester, Iowa, is a loan officer with Wells Fargo, Des Moines.

SARAH JOHNSON and Ben Lake, Waukesha, Wis., were married Aug. 15.

NATHAN JOHNSTON, Waverly, Iowa, is an elementary and middle school resource teacher with the Denver Community Schools, Denver, Iowa.

DAVID KELLY, Waverly, Iowa, is an analyst with Real Estate Research Corporation.

JODI KEMPEL, Pearl City, Ill., is a graduate student at the University of Iowa.

NSIA KILEO, Forestville, Md., is a nursing student in the accelerated program at Allen College, Waterloo, Iowa. She is a volunteer at Waverly Health Center, Waverly.

CRAIG KREMAN, Ames, Iowa, is in the civil engineering masters program at Iowa State University.

LUKE KROEGER, Manson, Iowa, is an accountant with STAR Energy – Growmark.

JOHN KUCKELMAN, Keokuk, Iowa, is a volunteer with Urban Servant Corps, Denver, Colo.

MICHELLE KUECKER, Denver, Colo., is a TASC specialist with TASC.

MAX KUENSTLING, Omaha, Neb., is in the biomedical research training program at the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

JASON LANSING, DeWitt, Iowa, is a credit manager with Wells Fargo, Davenport.

ELSA LANTZ, Hayfield, Minn., is an AmeriCorps volunteer.

HALLIE LEHMAN, Des Moines, Iowa, is in the osteopathic medical program at Des Moines University.

DANA LOECKE and Robert Williams, Cedar Falls, Iowa, were married July 18. Dana is a second grade teacher at St. Edward Catholic School, Waterloo.

TESS MAGNER, Waterloo, Iowa, is in the biomedical research training program at the University of Nebraska Medical Center, Omaha, Neb.

KNIGHTS IN THE NEWS

JUSTIN MAIERS, Coralville, Iowa, is an assurance associate with McGladrey & Pullen, Cedar Rapids.

JACKIE MANTERNACH, Monticello, Iowa, is an associate producer with KWWL-TV, Waterloo.

TIM MAYBEE, Norwalk, Iowa, is a theology student at Luther Seminary, St. Paul, Minn.

SADIE McGOWAN, Frisco, Texas, is a personal trainer with Life Time Fitness.

TIM McKENNA, Cedar Falls, Iowa, is a medical student at Carver College of Medicine, Iowa City.

ZACH MCKRAY, Iowa City, Iowa, is with Aspen Athletic Club, Cedar Rapids.

MIKE MERTZ, Marshall, Mo., is a graduate assistant football coach at Missouri Valley College.

STEPHEN MOREFIELD, Waverly, Iowa, is with Lutheran Services of Iowa.

BRANDI MULDER, Altoona, Iowa, is a youth Specialist with Orchard Place, Des Moines.

CARLY NASS, Omaha, Neb., is a speech language pathology student at the University of Nebraska.

AMANDA NESVOLD, Severn, Md., is a Master of Divinity student at Lutheran Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, Pa.

NGA NGUYEN, Chicago, Ill., is a volunteer with the Chicago Community Loan Fund.

SHANE NISSEN, Carroll, Iowa, is a physical therapy student at the University of Iowa.

JAMES NOWASELL, Grinnell, Iowa, is an assurance services staff with Ernst & Young, Des Moines.

MAGGIE OLIVER, Guttenberg, Iowa, is in loan documentation with Wells Fargo Financial, Des Moines.

NATE PALMER, Kamrar, Iowa, is the youth pastor at Community Church of Kamrar.

NATE PALMOLEA, Des Moines, Iowa, is a medical student at Des Moines University.

ELIZABETH PETERSON, Wheaton, Ill., is a clinical psychology student at North Dakota State University, Fargo, N.D.

JEFF PETERS, Tomah, Wis., is a law student at William Mitchell College of Law, Minneapolis, Minn.

JENNA PETERSON, Ankeny, Iowa, is a graduate student at SUNY College at Oneonta, Oneonta, N.Y.

NATE PETERSON, Washington, D.C., is a legislative correspondent for Sen. Chuck Grassley.



Striepes, Ratches receive medals

Two Waverly couples were recognized for their longtime service and commitment to the college at Opening Convocation, Sept. 8.

Wartburg President Darrel Colson (left) and Board of Regents chairman Fred Hagemann (right) presented Wartburg Medals to William and Janet Striepe (next to Colson) and Dr. James and Evelyn Rathe.

William Striepe '57 was vice president of treatment services at Bremwood Lutheran Children's Home, a Waverly City Council member, and ran the clock at Wartburg home football games. Jan Welsch Striepe '59 was director of Wartburg Alumni and Parent Relations for 25 years and served the college for 28 years.

Dr. James Rathe was a Waverly physician at the Rohlf Memorial Clinic, which provided medical services to the college, while its foundation funded two endowed scholarships. Evelyn Rathe was the first woman elected to the Waverly City Council and first female mayor. The Ratches co-chaired a Cedar Valley initiative that raised more than \$1 million for the Wartburg-Waverly Sports & Wellness Center.

KRYSTAL PHILLIPS, Ballwin, Mo., is chiropractic/sports rehabilitation student at Logan College of Chiropractic, Chesterfield.

RACHEL PIRKL, Victor, Iowa, is a loan officer with Wells Fargo, Des Moines.

MONICA POPOWSKI, Garner, Iowa, is a dental student at the University of Iowa.

JOEL RASMUSSEN, Goldfield, Iowa, is an associate with Farm Credit Services of America, Omaha, Neb.

MATT RAY, Waverly, Iowa, is the information director with KWY Radio.

JOHN ROBBINS, Manchester, Iowa, is an urban and regional planning student at Iowa State University, Ames.

MELAINIE ROD, Ames, Iowa, is a clinical laboratory science student at Mercy College of Health Sciences, Des Moines.

MATTHEW ROWLES, Calhan, Colo., is a mass communications student at West Texas A&M University, Amarillo, Texas.

RANDON RUGGLES, Eagan, Minn., wrote a blog about his experience throughout his student teaching called *Fifty-Nine Minutes* which was mentioned among "100 Best Blogs for Teachers of the Future."

KNIGHTS IN THE NEWS



MARGARET CROFT RUNAAS, Madison, Wis., is a Master of Music (piano performance) student at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

LAURA RUST, Des Moines, Iowa, is with Wells Fargo Financial.

JORDAN SADECKI, Lindenhurst, Ill., is a middle school vocal music teacher with the Denver Community Schools, Denver, Iowa.

BROOKE SCHLEE, Janesville, Iowa, is a youth specialist with Bremwood, Waverly.

LINDSAY SCHNEIDER, Lowden, Iowa, is a physical therapy student at Creighton University, Omaha, Neb.

AARON SCHUTTE, Bukoba, Tanzania, is a teacher at Kibeta English Medium Primary School sponsored by the Metropolitan New York Synod-Northwestern Diocese.

JOHN SCHUTTE, Readlyn, Iowa, is farming.

TREVOR SCHWARTZ, Story City, Iowa, is a veterinary medicine student at Iowa State University, Ames.

COLE SLAIKEU, Des Moines, Iowa, is a consumer loan underwriter with Wells Fargo.

SCOTT SNOOK, Des Moines, Iowa, is an underwriter with Wells Fargo.

KELSEY STEFFENS, Garner, Iowa, is a fourth grade teacher with the Garner-Hayfield Community School District.

EMILY STETZEL, Cedar Falls, Iowa, is a volunteer with Urban Servant Corps, Denver, Colo.

NATALIE TENDALL, DeWitt, Iowa, is a reporter with KIMT News 3, Mason City.

KARA TAYLOR, West Des Moines, Iowa, is a teacher at Des Moines Roosevelt High School.

KATELYN THOMPSON, Fort Dodge, Iowa, is an osteopathic medicine student at Des Moines University, Des Moines.

BRANDON THURM, Denver, Iowa, is a tax accountant with Price Waterhouse Coopers, Minneapolis, Minn.



Service in Central America

Leadership students visit Nicaragua in May Term 2009. Dr. Fred Waldstein taught the course, ID 315 Leadership Theories and Practices.

Top: Students repaint a child care center in San Carlos, one of three centers the students helped refurbish. Right: Children and students relax together.

JUSTINE TRUEBLOOD, Rochester, Minn., is a teacher with the Rochester Public Schools and a graduate student at Winona State University.

KATRINA TURNIS, Hopkinton, Iowa, is a nursing student at Clarke College, Dubuque.

EMILY VAN OOSBREE, Emmetsburg, Iowa, is a law school student at Creighton Law School, Omaha, Neb.

SHARESE VAN SLOTEM, Marion, Iowa, is a credit manager with Wells Fargo Financial, Cedar Rapids.

ELVIN VERDIYEV, Skokie, Ill., is an information technology and management student at the Illinois Institute of Technology, Chicago.

RACHEL VICKERS, DeWitt, Iowa, is a voice performance student at the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis.

MATTHEW VITZHUM, Algona, Iowa, is a sports management student and graduate assistant for the football team at St. Cloud State, St. Cloud, Minn.

PETER WATTERS, Nashua, Iowa, is an Islamic studies student at Luther Seminary, Roseville, Minn.

JILL WIEBKE, Tulsa, Okla., is a graduate student at the University of Tulsa.

JENNIFER WENDLAND is a VISTA volunteer with AmeriCorps.

EMILY WIENEKE, West Des Moines, Iowa, is a financial institution specialist with the FDIC.

JORDAN WILDERMUTH, Geneseo, Ill., is a graduate student in social work at St. Louis University, St. Louis, Mo.

DANA WILLIAMS, Cedar Falls, Iowa, is a teacher with the Cedar Valley Catholic Schools.

SYDNI WILLIAMS, Washington, D.C., is a community outreach coordinator at N Street Village with Lutheran Volunteer Corp.

AMANDA WILLS, Pella, Iowa, is a graduate student in religion at Luther Seminary, St. Paul, Minn.

KNIGHTS IN THE NEWS

2010 Music Tours

Wind Ensemble

TBA — London, England
April 30 — Liverpool, England
May 1 — Bamford, England
May 5 — Zeven, Germany
May 7 — Schwanheim, Germany
May 8 — Otterfing, Germany
TBA — Salzburg, Austria
May 12 — Prerov, Czech Republic
TBA — Prague, Czech Republic
May 14 — Muenchberg, Germany
May 15 — Eisenach, Germany
May 18 — Neumarkt, Germany
May 20-21 — Leipheim and Niederstotzingen, Germany
TBA — Luxembourg
TBA — Reykjavik, Iceland



Wartburg Choir

April 23 — Mason City
April 24 — Sioux Falls, S.D.
April 25 — Lincoln, Neb.
April 26 — Kansas City, Mo.
April 27 — Tulsa, Okla.
April 29 — Ballwin, Mo.



Castle Singers

April 24 — Minneapolis
April 26 — Platteville, Wis.
April 27 — Milwaukee
April 28 — Chicago

For more information, visit
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Several kayak trips will be offered in the late spring. Paddle in solo or tandem kayaks down the Cedar River in Waverly on May 22, the Maquoketa River in Cedar Rapids on May 23, or the Middle Raccoon River in the Des Moines area on June 5. Cost for each trip is \$30 per person.

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In Memoriam

BONDERUD, BROKERING LEAVE LEGACY



HERBERT BROKERING '45



OMAR BONDERUD '50

Bonderud died Sept. 9, the month that marked his 50th ordination anniversary in the ELCA. He spent four decades in Lutheran Church publishing, serving as an editor and executive at Augsburg Fortress Press and its predecessors, Augsburg Publishing House and Wartburg Press. He served from 1968 to 1973 as the first chair of the Bloomington Human Rights Commission, which has awarded the annual Omar Bonderud Human Rights Award in his honor since 1974.

Brokering died Nov. 7. He was the author of more than 30 devotional books and thousands of lyrics, including the widely recognized hymns, *Earth and All Stars*, *Thine the Amen and Love, Love, Love*. He collaborated with Wartburg music professor Dr. Karen Black on *God Is Calling, Here I Am*, commemorating the 200th anniversary of Wilhelm Löhe's birth and sung at this year's inauguration of Dr. Darrel D. Colson as Wartburg's 17th president. He wrote the text for *Beloved Son*, a jazz cantata by Dave Brubeck.

After study at Wartburg Theological Seminary, Brokering completed his divinity degree at Capital University Seminary and was ordained by his father in his home state of Nebraska. He served as a parish pastor for 10 years, then became director of confirmation for the American Lutheran Church. He taught at Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minn., for 23 years, served on the Holden Village faculty, and worked with U.S. Navy and Air Force chaplains. In recent years, he was a writer, consultant and presenter for Wheat Ridge Ministries.

During the days of a divided Germany, Brokering received a peacemaking award from the East German Ministry of Culture, recognizing his efforts to arrange North American recital tours for East German church organists.

1925

MARIE QUADHAMER WESTERBUHR, Minden, Neb., died May 7 at Bethany House. She served as a public and Sunday School teacher, church organist, nurses aid, and cook for Luther Seminary, St. Paul, Minn. and Bethphage Mission and Circle R Bible Camp near Omaha, Neb. She worked as a volunteer at Long Term Care in Minden from 1986-1995. Survivors include her son, the Rev. Gerald G. Westerbuhr '56.

1927

WILMA BARTIG SCHOENBOHM, Orlando, Fla., died Oct. 13, 2008, at Oviedo, Fla. Prior to her retirement, she was manager at the University of South Florida Library in Tampa.

1930

HENRY J. KEHE, Santa Barbara, Calif., died March 4.

ERNA GRAENING ORTH, Wyoming, Iowa, died Oct. 2 at Luther Manor, Dubuque. She taught in country schools for four years prior to her marriage. She was a longtime member of Zion Lutheran Church in Wyoming, served on the Wyoming Library Board and worked for many years at the Wyoming Fair.

1939

ARLENE CARSTENSEN, Sacramento, Calif., died June 21. She earned a master's degree from the University of Minnesota. She served in the Women's Army Corps during WW II and was honorably discharged as a sergeant. She served as a counselor at Encina High School in Sacramento from 1959-1981.

1940

HAROLD KOLBE, Pacific Junction, Iowa, died April 24 at Glen Haven Home, Glenwood. He attended Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass., served as a communications officer in the South Pacific with the U.S. Navy from 1940-1947, and received a master of arts degree from San Jose State University, San Jose, Calif., in 1979. He taught and coached in Pacific Junction, Iowa, Bearsley, Minn., and Santa Cruz, Calif., where he was principal of the Natural Bridges School from 1964 until his retirement in 1988. He was a charter member of St. Stephen's Lutheran Church and a member of the California School Administrators Association. After returning to Iowa he was an active member of the Pacific Junction United Methodist Church. He was a member of the Military Retired Officers Association, the Navy Fleet Reserve and a lifetime member of the V.F.W.

1941

The Rev. **LOUIS E. FABRIZIUS**, Bakersfield, Calif., died Aug. 18. A graduate of Wartburg Seminary, Dubuque, Iowa, he served congregations in Illinois, Kansas, Colorado, Arizona and California. Three churches were built under his leadership, and two small rural churches in Kansas were moved into nearby towns.

MAYE EGGENA THOMPSON, Denver, Colo., died Dec. 16, 2008. She taught for nearly 40 years, most of them in Plymouth, Iowa. She retired in 1988 and spent the next eight years traveling the U.S. before settling in Denver, Colo.

1943

The Rev. **MARVIN G. GRUNKE**, St. Paul, Minn., died Aug. 31. He served on the staff of Lutheran Social Services for 34 years in various capacities. Survivors include his wife, Lorraine Grosshans Grunke '44.

The Rev. Dr. **HARRY F. STIEF**, Anaheim, Calif., died June 2. He is survived by his wife, LaVonne E. Strempe Stief '42.

1944

LORETTA BAUMGARTNER RAABE, Indianapolis, Ind., died May 20. She retired from Employers Insurance of Wausau where she was a sales manager and underwriter. She was preceded in death by her husband, the Rev. Arnold Gregor Raabe '44.

**1946**

EDWARD J. BOSE, Bessie, Okla., died Jan. 5.

1947

The Rev. Dr. **RAYMOND A. MARTIN**, Dubuque, Iowa, died Aug. 4 at Finley Hospital. He received a master of divinity degree from Wartburg Theological Seminary and a doctor of philosophy degree from Princeton Theological Seminary. He also did post-doctoral work at Harvard School of Divinity. He taught at Wartburg College and at Gurukul Theological Seminary in Madras (now Chennai) while a missionary in India. He was a professor at Wartburg Theological Seminary, Dubuque, from 1969 to 2000, where he continued to work as professor emeritus after his retirement. Among his survivors are his wife, Alice Bast Martin '49.

1948

The Rev. **GORDON G. NEUBERGER**, Bismarck, N.D., died June 22 at Medcenter One St. Vincent's Care Center. A graduate of Wartburg Theological Seminary, he served as pastor at congregations in Saskatchewan, Canada, and North Dakota, retiring in 1994. After retirement, he served as visitation pastor for several years. He was registered nationally as an Emergency Medical Technician and for five years in North Dakota as an Emergency Care Technician Ambulance squad member.

1949

HOWARD SPARENborg, Osage, Iowa, died Oct. 31, 2008 at Osage Rehabilitation and Health Care Center.

1950

The Rev. **JAMES KELLER**, Honolulu, Hawaii, died April 27. A graduate of Wartburg Seminary, Dubuque, he served congregations in North Dakota, Colorado and Hawaii.

ARVILLA KOERNER, Minneapolis, Minn., died Aug. 27 at Ambassador Good Samaritan Nursing Home in New Hope. She taught in schools in Iowa and Minnesota, then received a master's degree from the University of Iowa. She taught biology at St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minn., and was a guidance counselor at St. Louis Park, Minn., for more than 20 years before her retirement.

MARVIN L. TIETJE, Woodway, Texas, died May 5, 2008. He served in the U.S.

Marines from July 1942 to October 1945. He was stationed in the South Pacific and participated in landings in Terawa, Saipan, Tinian, was on standby for Iwojima, and participated in the Okinawa campaign. He was a charter member of Hope Lutheran Church, where he served for many years as the photographer.

1952

DARYL LOUIS POLENZ, White Plains, N.Y., died July 2 at White Plains Hospital. He spent his entire professional career at IBM where he worked in a variety of capacities. He had a long-term role in connection with the well-known antitrust case brought by the federal government against IBM. In 1990, he joined Prodigy Services Company, the IBM joint venture and early online service provider. He retired in 1993.

1953

DALE A. BECKER, Mason City, Iowa, died April 22, 2008. A high school English and speech teacher at several northern Iowa high schools, he served as instructor at North Iowa Area Community College in Mason City before his retirement.

1957

The Rev. **LE ROY T. REMMERS**, Green Bay, Wis., died July 6. He received a Bachelor of Divinity degree from Wartburg Theological Seminary, Dubuque. During his ministry of 48 years, he served as pastor to congregations in Bateman, Cadott, De Pere and Green Bay; chaplain and development coordinator at Woodside Lutheran Home, Green Bay; and assistant to the bishop in the former Northern Wisconsin District of the American Lutheran Church and its successor, the East Central Synod of Wisconsin of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. After his retirement in 2000, he served as part-time chaplain at Good Shepherd Services, Ltd., of Seymour, Wis., until his death. He was passionate about living his faith and actively participated and held leadership roles in numerous community, county and district organizations.

CY WAINSCOTT, Gambier, Ohio, died Sept. 27 at home of cancer. He worked as reporter and managing editor for the *Ashland (Ohio) Times-Gazette*, copy editor and managing editor for the (Cleveland) *Plain Dealer*, publicity director of Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kan., for Eastman-Kodak in

the division for computer systems for newspapers, and as managing editor for the *Kenyon (College) Review*, Gambier, Ohio, where he also served as adviser to the student newspaper, *The Kenyon Collegian*. He was a member of Unit One, the American Newspaper Guild, the journalism fraternity, Sigma Delta Chi, and a past president of the Press Club of Cleveland.

1958

MARSHA ARHART STARCK WILLIAMS, Atoka, Tenn., died Aug. 1 at Baptist Hospital, Memphis. She worked at Stephens College, Columbia, Mo., and at Rhodes College (formerly Southwestern, Memphis), where she served 42 years as assistant to the director of alumni.

1959

DR. DUANE A. MATZ, Sioux Falls, S.D., died Aug. 16. He was a history professor at Augustana College, Sioux Falls, for 30 years.

1960

RUBY HAMMOND FERGUSON, Nashua, Iowa, died June 26 at Bartels Lutheran Retirement Community, Waverly. She taught in rural schools for 12 years, and 24 1/2 years for schools in Plainfield and Nashua. She was 95.

1962

H. PEARCE KONOLD, Mount Vernon, Ill., died Aug. 6 of pancreatic cancer and kidney failure. He worked as a social worker in children's homes and mental health centers in Iowa, Illinois, Wisconsin and Kentucky, and at Catholic Social Services in Mount Vernon. Survivors include his wife, Marilyn Rugroden Konold '62.

1963

DONALD DIETZLER, Waukesha, Wis., died May 16 at St. Lukes Medical Center, Milwaukee. He was a teacher and coach, wrestling coach at Muskego High School and Carroll College, and coach of the Muskego Maverick Youth Baseball Team. He was also an active member of St. Luke's Lutheran Church where he sang in the church choir.

1964

DOROTHY MEYNE DREIER, Dumas, Texas, died Aug. 23, 2006. She was an elementary teacher in the public school system and taught private piano and organ lessons. A resident of Dumas since 1981, she was 101 years old when she died.

1965

The Rev. **DANIEL LITZER**, La Grande, Wash., died May 24 of cancer. Survivors include his wife, Mary Totsch Litzer '65, and daughter, Lynn Litzer Smith '94.

1966

JANIE KONECKI MEYER, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, died July 3 at Mercy Hospital. She was a substitute teacher for many years and taught the talented and gifted program at WACO Community Schools.

1983

TERRY E. HAGEN, Garner, Iowa, died Aug. 13 as a result of injuries sustained in a motorcycle accident. He worked in the accounting department at Winnebago Industries for six years, then pursued a law degree at the University of South Dakota. After graduation he was employed as corporate lawyer at Winnebago until his death.

2008

NIKKI METTLIN, Waterloo, Iowa, died Aug. 10 of a blood clot. She was employed as a youth counselor at Four Oaks in Waterloo.

FORMER FACULTY/STAFF

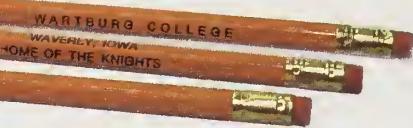
Dr. NORMAN B. JOHANSEN, Mesa, Ariz., died May 4 at Banner-Baywood Hospital in Mesa. He coached football, wrestling and golf, and taught physical education at Wartburg from 1951 to 1968. During those years, the football team won Iowa Conference championships in 1958 and 1959, and the 1958 team achieved the first undefeated season in college history. The wrestling team won conference titles in 1954 and 1960. Johansen coached 13 individual conference wrestling champions. He was inducted into the Wartburg Athletic Hall of Fame in 2003. After leaving Wartburg, he received his Ed.D. degree at the University of Missouri, where he spent four years as an administrator in the physical education department. He served as athletic director at Northern Arizona University for four years then became involved in community college administration, first at Maricopa Community College and then as dean of continuing education at Mesa Community College, where he retired in 1990.

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2010**

Oct. 21-24

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**2010 Iowa Conference
Men's Golf Championship
final rounds**

April 30 - May 1

Centennial Oaks Golf Course – Waverly

**2010 NCAA Division III
Cross Country
Championships**

November 21

Max Cross Country Course - Waverly

**Commencement
May 30**

1:30 p.m.

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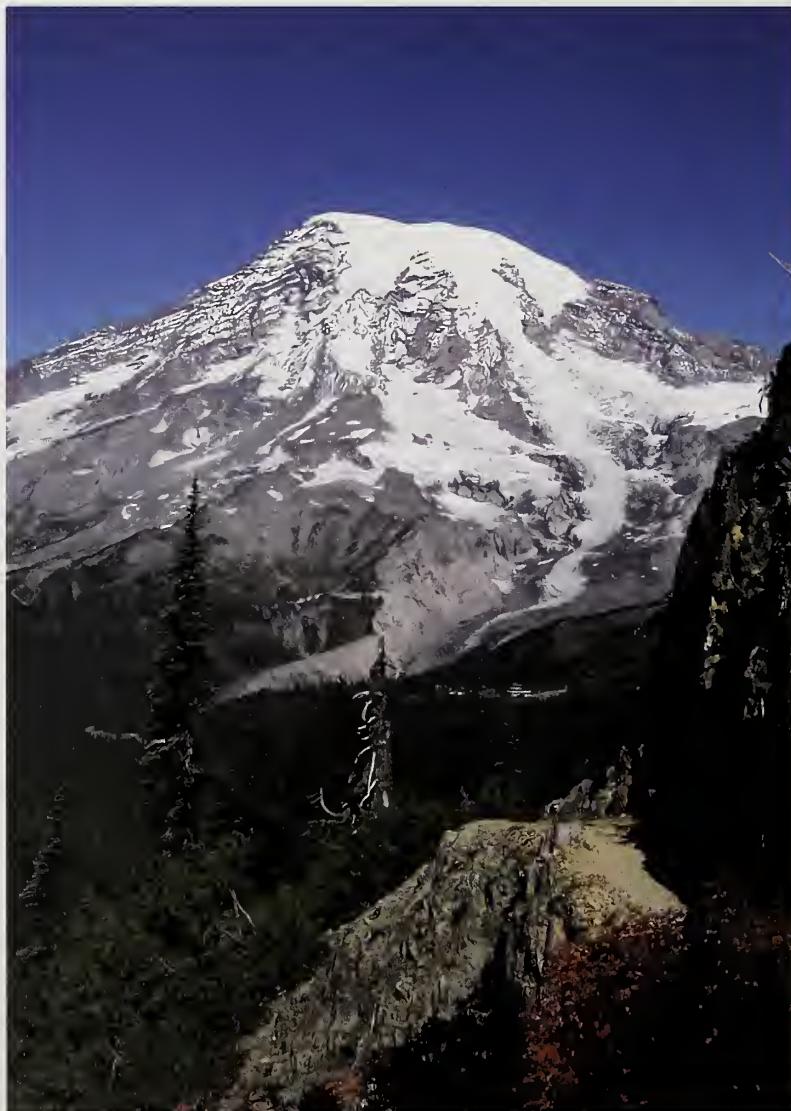
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From Wartburg to Washington state

At 14,411 feet, Mount Rainier towers above the Cascade Range in Washington. Mount Rainier is so prominent that Seattle area residents simply call it "the mountain." On exceptionally clear days, Mount Rainier can be seen from as far away as Victoria, British Columbia, and Portland, Ore.

This image was captured by Jonathan Wolff '96, who moved to the Seattle area in 1999. He now lives in Port Angeles, Wash.

Wolff is familiar with another mountain, the one upon which the Wartburg Castle sits in Eisenach, Germany. He was a member of the Wartburg Choir when the group performed its first concert at the castle in 1995.

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